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$1.3 billion fine for Meta is an E.U. record

Bloc finds Facebook parent broke its privacy laws in U.S. data transfer

BY NAOMI NIX, ANNABELLE TIMSIT AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

The European Union fined Meta a record $1.3 billion on Monday after finding the Facebook parent broke its privacy laws by transferring user data from Europe to the United States — one of the most impactful penalties from the E.U. rules, which could have broad implications for American businesses.

The Irish Data Protection Commission ordered Meta to suspend all transfers of personal data belonging to users in the E.U. and the European Economic Area — which includes non-E.U. countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway — to the United States.

The Irish Data Protection Commission said in a statement that Meta's data transfers were in breach of the E.U.'s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), rules that restrict what companies can do with people's personal data. It is the largest GDPR fine handed down by the bloc, surpassing the previous record of $887 million against Amazon, a penalty issued in 2021 by a European privacy regulator that the firm said it would appeal.

The ruling attracted widespread criticism from industry representatives, who argued that it exacerbates the legal uncertainty facing a wide range of companies that send data across inter-

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Satellite imagery reveals utter destruction of Ukrainian city



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Satellite images of a red-roofed theater and apartment buildings in Bakhmut, Ukraine, in May 2022 and this month show Russian forces' large-scale destruction of the city, only small patches of which remain under Ukrainian control. Meanwhile, ahead of an expected counteroffensive, the U.N. nuclear watchdog is pushing for an agreement to secure the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and avoid a potential disaster. **Story, A13**

Leaders meet on debt ceiling

MCCARTHY-BIDEN TALKS 'PRODUCTIVE'

Wall Street starts to worry as deadline nears

BY TONY ROMM, RACHEL SIEGEL AND LEIGH ANN CALDWELL

With as few as 10 days remaining until the U.S. government could default, President Biden on Monday resumed direct negotiations with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), hoping to resolve a stalemate over the debt ceiling that has started to spook Wall Street.

The two men commenced the new round of talks after a weekend of turbulence and acrimony, and mere hours after the Treasury Department issued its latest warning — this time, using more urgent language — that the United States is "highly likely" to run out of cash and other options in early June, perhaps as soon as the first of the month.

Publicly, Biden and McCarthy both appeared determined to try to project collegiality and optimism, having pilloried each other for months after House Republicans embarked on a campaign to leverage the debt ceiling to advance their political agenda. GOP lawmakers seek to slash federal health-care, education, science, labor and research spending, while preserving the defense budget, with cuts far deeper than the White House is willing to support.

The president opened a roughly hour-long discussion acknowledging that Democrats and Republicans have "got to get something to sell both sides, and we need to cut spending." McCarthy later described the talks as "productive," even though the leaders did not resolve the debt ceiling dispute, promising that their top emissaries would "work through the night."

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River-using states reach deal to save the Colorado

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

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After nearly a year of negotiations and multiple missed deadlines, the deal is a temporary solution intended to protect the country's largest reservoirs — Lake Powell and Lake Mead — from dropping to critical levels over the next three years. These reservoirs have fallen dramatically as the warming climate and the past two decades of drought have reduced the river's natural flow by about 20 percent.

To stabilize the river, the three states that make up the Lower Basin — California, Arizona and Nevada — have agreed to voluntarily conserve 3 million acre-feet of water over the next three years, which amounts to 13 percent of these states' total allocation from

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GOP women rebuke men as S.C. abortion vote nears

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — When the fight over the right to abortion fell to the states, it landed awkwardly in Senate Office 601, where two Republicans who share the same suite, receptionist and voice-mail box have campaigned all year against each other's idea of "pro-life."

On one side of the roughly 800-square-foot space is Sen. Rex Rice, 66, who said every pregnancy represented "God's child" and pushed for a near-total ban on abortion in South Carolina.

On the other is Sen. Sandy Senn, 59, who, loudly enough for him to hear, slammed that approach as "all about controlling women."

To her, "pro-life" means protecting women, too. So, with the Senate expected to vote as early as Tuesday on a bill that would ban most abortions after about six weeks, Senn criticized her colleague for refusing to support what she called the "reasonable" middle ground: outlawing the procedure after 12 weeks.

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A coffee rescue plan percolates in Vietnam

Farmers turn to robusta as climate change imperils beloved but vulnerable arabica plant

BY REBECCA TAN AND NHUNG NGUYEN

BAO LOC, VIETNAM — For decades, the world of coffee has had one star: the arabica bean. It is "complex" and "deliciously refined," according to companies such as Starbucks that have refused to use any other bean. It has engendered obsession among java aficionados.

But climate change, as it tends to do, is shifting fortunes.

The sophisticated arabica is hypersensitive to fluctuations in temperatures and faces dim prospects in a warming world. Once spurned as its "ugly stepsister," the bulkier robusta plant — so named because it grows *robustly* in tough conditions — is mounting its revenge.

Vietnam is responsible for more than half of the global robusta supply, government data shows, and it plays an increasingly vital role in efforts to rescue coffee from the effects of climate change. The robusta farmed here, on the rolling hills of Vietnam's central highlands, is more resilient and has higher yields than virtually anywhere else, scientists say, with some varieties producing two or three times more beans than varieties in other

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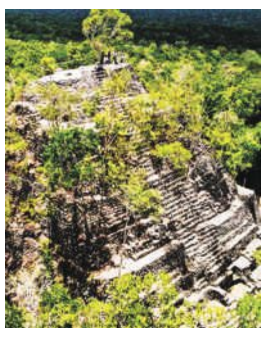
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Judge enters not-guilty plea for man held in Idaho stabbings

Decision to stand silent is unusual; could signal a refusal to cooperate

BY HAADIYA TARIQ AND BRITTANY SHAMMAS

MOSCOW, IDAHO — The man accused of fatally stabbing four Idaho college students declined to enter a plea during his arraignment Monday, leading a judge to enter a not-guilty plea on his behalf and set an October trial date.

Bryan Kohberger, a former criminology graduate student, was indicted by a grand jury last week on murder and burglary charges, allowing prosecutors to skip a preliminary hearing scheduled for next month. The 28-year-old defendant has been in custody since his December arrest and is being held without bail in the Latah County Jail.

If convicted of killing University of Idaho students Madison Mogen, 21; Kaylee Goncalves, 21; Xana Kernodle, 20; and Ethan Chapin, 20, Kohberger could face the death penalty. Latah County prosecutor Bill Thompson has 60 days to tell the court whether he will seek that punishment.

During his first court appearance since shortly after he was arrested in a case that shook a university community and commanded national attention, Kohberger spoke only briefly in response to questions from Latah County District Court Judge John Judge. He wore an orange jumpsuit stamped with "Prisoner" across the back, his ankles shackled and his face showing no emotion.

The judge read the list of charges against Kohberger, one first-degree count for each of the four victims and a burglary charge. Asked whether he understood the charges and potential penalties, the defendant said "Yes." His attorney, Anne Taylor, told the judge that her client would be "standing silent" instead of entering a plea.

The modest-size courtroom was filled with about 80 onlookers — enough to require an overflow room. Relatives of at least two of the victims were among those in attendance.

The students were found stabbed to death Nov. 13 in an off-campus rental house that Mogen, Goncalves and Kernodle shared and Chapin, Kernodle's boyfriend, was visiting. The gruesome crime stoked fear in the college town of Moscow as weeks passed without a suspect being identified by police, fueling widespread speculation and baseless finger-pointing.

Authorities announced Kohberger's arrest Dec. 30. Nearly five months later, much about the case remains unknown to the public — including what allegedly motivated the crime and how law enforcement thinks the suspect chose the victims. A gag order has barred law enforcement, lawyers and others involved in the case from discussing it publicly; a legal fight against that order by news organizations including The Washington Post is ongoing. A hearing over the gag order took place Monday after Kohberger's arraignment, during which the judge made no immediate decisions.

Court records unsealed in January offered a window into how investigators linked Kohberger to the killings, revealing that DNA on a knife sheath found at the scene matched a sample taken from Kohberger's family home and that cellphone records put him near the victims' home at least 12 times in the months before the killings. Surveillance footage caught a white Hyundai Elantra matching Kohberger's vehicle passing the King Street house four times in the early-morning hours of Nov. 13 before speeding away.

The records also offered details of what unfolded that weekend. Late on the night before the killing, the students returned to the house after a typical college evening. Mogen and Goncalves stopped by a food truck after hanging out at a bar. Kernodle and Chapin spent a few hours at his fraternity, Sigma Chi. By 4 a.m., they were all in their rooms and asleep — except Kernodle, who placed a middle-of-the-night DoorDash order.

It was around that time that a roommate, identified only as D.M., awoke to what she said she thought was Goncalves playing with her dog. After hearing voices and what sounded like someone crying, she opened her bedroom door, glimpsing a figure in black clothing leaving the house, court records say. Police later found the victims in bedrooms on the house's second and third floors, each with multiple stab wounds.

Prosecutors would have presented much of the evidence collected in the case at a preliminary hearing scheduled for next month, aiming to prove that probable cause existed for Kohberger to be tried. The grand jury indictment eliminated that step, paving the way for Monday's arraignment and an eventual trial.

Kohberger's decision to stand silent is unusual, said Samuel Newton, a professor at the University of Idaho College of Law, noting that standard practice, "especially on a case of this magnitude," is to enter a not-guilty plea. He said that in general, one reason it could happen is that the defendant is refusing to cooperate in the legal process.

Another possible explanation is that Kohberger wanted to have the case proceed as if he had pleaded not guilty while avoiding making the plea himself.

"He may still want to plead not guilty and go to trial, but he's avoided creating a whole circus around his plea," Newton said. "So I could see some strategic reasons for choosing just to stay mum so then we don't know what his position is."

A lawyer representing the accused said in January that Kohberger expects to be exonerated.

At the time of his arrest, the Pennsylvania native was enrolled in a criminal justice doctoral program at Washington State University, which sits across the state line, about seven miles from the University of Idaho. He had just completed his first semester after finishing a master's degree in criminal justice at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa., in June.

A high school classmate remembered Kohberger as shy, socially awkward and struggling with depression. In years-old social media posts uncovered by the New York Times, he said he watched his own life as if it were a video game and wrote that he could do "whatever I want with little remorse."

His family expressed support for him — and condolences for the victims — in a statement released through the attorney in January, saying that they had "fully cooperated with law enforcement agencies in an attempt to seek the truth and promote his presumption of innocence."

The families of the victims have said they plan to closely follow the court proceedings. The Goncalves family was among those in the courtroom for the arraignment. Afterward, they said in a statement to NewsNation that they were grateful that prosecutors had taken the case to a grand jury and gotten an indictment.

"This is just the beginning of a long journey for all the families," they said.

Shammas reported from Washington.



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ABOVE: Bryan Kohberger enters the courtroom for an arraignment hearing in Moscow, Idaho. Kohberger, indicted by a grand jury in the killings of four college students, is scheduled for trial in October.

LEFT: A security officer sits outside the house in Idaho where the fatal stabbings occurred. University of Idaho students Madison Mogen, 21; Kaylee Goncalves, 21; Xana Kernodle, 20; and Ethan Chapin, 20, were slain in November.

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Carper won't seek fifth term in Senate

Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D-Del.) said Monday that he will not seek reelection to a fifth term next year, ending a political career that has spanned nearly half a century and opening a seat in a Democratic-leaning state, potentially for a historic successor.

Carper, 76, announced the decision at a news conference on the riverfront in Wilmington, Del., at which he signaled his support for Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D), the state's first Black member of Congress, as his successor.

Carper, the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has served in the Senate since 2001. He won his first election in politics in 1976, becoming state treasurer in Delaware. He later served in the U.S. House and as Delaware's governor.

He pledged to "run through the tape" during the remainder of his term, which ends in January 2025, including helping with the implementation of climate provisions in the landmark Inflation Reduction Act.

Carper's decision to retire opens the door for an expected primary bid for Blunt Rochester, the state's sole representative in Congress and both the first woman and first Black person to hold the office.

Blunt Rochester won reelection last year with more than 55 percent of the vote and would be well-positioned for a Senate primary facing the same statewide electorate.

Only two Black women — Democrats Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois and Kamala D. Harris of California — have served in the U.S. Senate. There are no Black women in the chamber in this Congress.

— *John Wagner*

SUPREME COURT

GOP donor denies influence over Thomas

Harlan Crow, a billionaire and influential Republican donor who has for years lavished gifts and financial favors upon Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, denied having any sway over Thomas's judicial decisions and said they do not discuss court cases, in an interview published Monday in the Atlantic.

The gifts Thomas accepted from Crow over two decades have included luxury vacations around the globe — including travel on a superyacht and private jet — that were not disclosed by the justice, according to a ProPublica investigation last month. Subsequent investigations by ProPublica revealed that Crow had also paid the private-school tuition for one of Thomas's relatives. It also reported that Thomas had not disclosed a real estate deal in which Crow purchased and renovated a house where Thomas's mother was living.

The revelations have prompted Senate Democrats to urge Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to start his own investigation into gifts to Thomas from Crow, with some Democrats calling for Thomas to step down. They have also reinvigorated calls for the Supreme Court to adopt a binding code of ethics.

But in his interview with the Atlantic, Crow waved off any suggestion of impropriety and defended his relationship with Thomas. The Dallas business executive, who has donated to GOP causes related to the law and judiciary, said the hospitality he had extended to the Supreme Court justice was not out of the ordinary for him.

Crow also said he saw no issue with his 2014 purchase from Thomas of three properties in Savannah, Ga., including the single-story house where Thomas's mother was living and two vacant lots nearby. Thomas did not include the $133,363 real estate transaction on his financial disclosure forms, as federal law would have required.

"It was a fair-market transaction, and I had a purpose," Crow told the magazine. "I don't see the foot fault."

— *Amy B Wang*

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POLITICS & THE NATION

2023 surge in mass killings inspires new wave of activism among survivors

People affected by recent attacks and those in their communities join effort

BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

When Helena Spigner's class heard there had been an attack at Nashville's Covenant School, everyone went silent. In a room full of aspiring teachers, the news of another school shooting brought instant mourning.

And this time, it was close to home.

"Our worst nightmare was now a reality for teachers who were just 15 minutes away," Spigner, a Vanderbilt University student, recalled thinking. "It was at that moment when I realized that as a future elementary teacher, I couldn't stay silent anymore."

Mass killings scared Spigner, 19, so much that a month earlier, after a gunman killed three at Michigan State University, she'd considered dropping her elementary education major and abandoning her dream of becoming a teacher. After the Covenant shooting, something else came over her. The only way to stop feeling scared, she thought, was to do something.

She started sending texts to friends: Had anyone heard about any gun-control protests?

With 2023 on pace to break a record for mass killings, new activism is emerging among survivors of recent shootings and those in their communities. Spigner, who is now leading a campus chapter of the gun-safety group Students Demand Action, is among a fresh wave of people joining advocacy efforts for federal and state laws aimed at reducing gun violence.

In recent weeks, protesters have flooded the Tennessee Capitol. Michigan State University students have lobbied lawmakers and turned out to events in the hundreds. High school students across Texas, which has had three mass killings this year, have walked out of class. Recently, thousands of activists with the group Moms Demand Action participated in rallies across the country, asking Congress to ban assault weapons.

"I always thought I would be sitting in my room, studying for my biology exam the next day. I never thought I would be sitting here planning, 'Okay, let's do a walkout to get people's attention,'" said Joseph Kesto, a Michigan State junior who organized a vigil and other events after the February attack.

Advocates face head winds in Republican-controlled states and in Congress, where years of gun-control efforts have not moved many long-opposed lawmakers. But newcomers expressed optimism about the tide of public opinion. The surge of energy among activists is reminiscent of 2018, when the movement coalesced around the high school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that killed 17, said Kris Brown, president of the gun-control group Brady.

Kesto and other newcomers to the gun-control movement described a sense of momentum this spring arising from large turnouts at rallies, growing membership in advocacy groups and a sense among young people that they are harnessing newfound political power.

"That shooting kind of reshaped my entire life," said Kesto, a pre-med student who took up a public policy minor, began speaking at rallies and became co-president of his school's March for Our Lives chapter. He'd volunteered with the youth-led gun violence prevention group before, but after the attack, which left him with trauma, he wanted to make public policy work his "passion in life."

The first 4½ months of 2023 have included 22 mass killings, more by this point in the year than in any other recent year, according to a database maintained by the Associated Press, Northeastern University and USA Today. (Like The Washington Post, those organizations define a mass killing as an incident in which four or more people, excluding the perpetrator, are killed, meaning that number doesn't include shootings like the one at MSU.)

The string of major attacks — from a dance studio in Monterey Park, Calif., in January to an outlet mall in Allen, Tex., on May 6 — left at least 115 dead, adding to a continuous American death toll and widening the ever-growing pool of people affected by gun violence. They represent a small fraction of daily shootings in the United States, which last week had seen more than 6,700 gun deaths in 2023, according to the research group Gun Violence Archive.

Those spurred to action join a morbid American tradition of people becoming mobilized after a shooting touches their lives. The involvement of new people, activists say, is key.

"It makes the difference between actually achieving legislative enforcement and social norm change and not," said Brown, of the Brady group, which has worked on the issue for decades. "That's the only way our movement has ever achieved anything."

The attack this month at the Allen, Tex., mall provoked another wave of reaction after eight people were killed by a gunman who authorities said had white supremacist beliefs.

"This basic sense of safety of being out in public, going to a dance hall, going to a shopping mall … has really been taken away from us," said Cynthia Choi, co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate and co-director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, who is among Asian American leaders turning a new focus to gun violence.

"This is why we feel very strongly about getting involved at this time. We have this window to really talk about the devastating effects that guns have on our community."

In Republican-led states, lawmakers have largely rejected calls for legislation supported by gun-control advocates, though signs are emerging of the increasing pressure they face, The Post has reported.

At the federal level, too, Republicans have declined to pursue new firearm legislation. After Nashville, Senate Minority Whip John Thune (R-S.D.) said it was "premature" to talk about gun-related legislation; Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.) said Congress has "gone about as far as we can go," The Post reported.

Keeping up the energy for advocacy that forms in the immediate aftermath of a shooting can also be challenging, a problem students said they faced at MSU. And often, working on gun-violence issues comes with trauma, anxiety or fatigue.

Still, signs of momentum are visible across the country: The number of Students Demand Action chapters at high schools and colleges grew from 374 to more than 600 in the past year, according to Everytown for Gun Safety. Brady has also seen an increase in people signing up for training and advocacy work, Brown said.

Tennessee mothers, including some Republicans, created a new group, Voices for a Safer Tennessee, that drew enough people in support of firearm legislation in April to form a three-mile human chain. AAPI Victory Alliance, which is part of a coalition of Asian American organizations against gun violence, launched a campaign pressuring Wells Fargo to cut all ties with the National Rifle Association and asking Asians to pull their money from the bank. (Wells Fargo declined to comment.)

Back-to-back shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, Calif., in January were a strong catalyst for new activism in the Asian American community, which historically has not regarded gun issues as a top priority, community leaders said.

The killings, which occurred around Lunar New Year, "really triggered something for a lot of Asian Americans across the country," said Connie Chung Joe, executive director of civil rights organization Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California.

"It was a big wake-up call that gun control is something that is important and impacts our community, in a way that I think we didn't think about it before," she said.

Last year, when some nonprofit leaders convened an Asian American and Pacific Islander conference on gun violence, it was hard to get people to show up, said Varun Nikore, executive director of the liberal AAPI Victory Alliance. This year, registration was rapid.

"A year ago, where we were was that the vast majority of AAPI groups were still trying to figure out why they should get engaged on gun violence," Nikore said. "And now we don't have to do any more convincing."

In Michigan, advocacy was born out of student Maya Manuel's Snapchat call for classmates to gather for a "sit-down" at the Capitol in Lansing after the shooting. She wasn't planning to lobby, she said — but ended up talking with legislators who would later pass bills establishing universal background checks for gun purchases and requirements for safe gun storage.

"It just felt like it was my time to just say what I had to say," said Manuel, 20, of Lansing. "I was very sad and very upset, and it was all very difficult in the moment. But knowing that hopefully there would be change to potentially prevent things like this from happening again — that gave me a little more hope."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) signed the bills at MSU in April, next to students and advocates. Manuel — who held three "sit-down" events at the Capitol — now has plans to found a community-focused nonprofit organization that would start sit-down chapters at schools nationwide, she said.

"For my generation in itself, I feel very hopeful," said Manuel. "I think we're reaching a point where everybody, almost, is fed up."


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A woman visits a memorial near the Star Dance Studio in Monterey Park, Calif., on Jan. 23, after a gunman killed 11 people and injured another nine. That attack and another California shooting were strong catalysts for new activism in the Asian American community.

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Child's death puts spotlight on care at border facilities

Commissioner orders review of agency's medical practices

BY NICK MIROFF

An 8-year-old migrant girl who died Wednesday after crossing the border in South Texas fell ill with the flu during a prolonged stay in U.S. custody, according to a timeline of the incident released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and authorities did not send her to a hospital when her symptoms worsened despite knowing her delicate medical history.

The girl, identified by Honduran officials as Anadith Tanay Reyes Álvarez, was the second minor to die in U.S. government custody within a week. A 17-year-old Honduran boy died May 10 while staying at a shelter in Florida for teens and children who cross the border without parents.

The deaths have refocused attention on U.S. medical care and treatment for migrant teens and children detained by the government, while underscoring the risks at border facilities where U.S. agents and staff are strained by record numbers of illegal crossings.

In a statement, CBP said acting commissioner Troy Miller has ordered a review of medical care practices at the agency's facilities and an assessment of all "medically fragile" individuals.

"We must ensure that medically fragile individuals receive the best possible care and spend the minimum amount of time possible in CBP custody," Miller said.

CBP said its internal affairs division is investigating the circumstances of Anadith's death. Under agency policy, detainees should not spend more than 72 hours in custody. But Anadith had been held with her family for eight days at the time of her death, according to the government timeline released Sunday.

While unaccompanied minors and families with children are prioritized for faster processing under CBP policy, backups can occur when the number of migrants crossing the border soars to unmanageable levels.

As her daughter battled the flu and her condition worsened, she "cried and begged for her life" but CBP staff "didn't do anything for her," Anadith's mother, Mabel Alvarez Benedicks, said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) called in a statement for information to convey "the full context of the circumstances of the death of all the children."

"The Biden administration has a moral responsibility to act quickly to make certain this does not happen again and ensure that improvements are made to guarantee the safety and health of those seeking asylum," the lawmaker said.

Anadith crossed the border with her parents and two older siblings near Brownsville, Tex., on May 9, according to the CBP timeline, part of a larger group of 47 people. Her parents and older siblings are from Honduras, but the girl was a citizen of Panama, the agency said.

The family arrived in the United States during one of several days early this month when U.S. agents made more than 10,000 border arrests, the highest daily totals in CBP history. The influx occurred in the lead-up to the expiration of pandemic-era border restrictions on May 11, and it left U.S. border stations and processing facilities crowded beyond capacity.

The girl's parents provided agents with documents about their daughter's medical history, including sickle cell anemia and heart disease, during a standard intake and screening process on May 10 at CBP's processing facility in Donna, Tex.

The family was still at the processing facility four days later when Anadith came to the facility's medical unit with her mother, complaining of abdominal pain, nasal congestion and cough. She tested positive for influenza A, a type of flu; had a fever of 101.8 degrees and was given over-the-counter medications, according to the timeline.

The agency said medical personnel "documented a past medical history including cardiomyopathy (noting the girl had undergone heart surgery at the age of 5), about which the family reported that she has been stable since the operation, but still requires the continued care of a cardiologist."

Agents then transferred Anadith's entire family to the Border Patrol station in Harlingen, Tex., a facility for migrants designated for cases requiring medical isolation. The child was assessed by medical staff at the Harlingen facility when the family arrived on the evening of May 14.

Anadith continued to receive over-the-counter flu medications during the next three days, but on May 17, the girl's condition appeared to worsen. She and her mother went three times to the medical unit at the border station, complaining of vomiting, and later a stomachache.

CBP medical contractors listed her condition as stable, according to the agency's timeline, but at 1:55 p.m. the child's mother returned carrying her daughter "who appeared to be having a seizure" and then became unresponsive, CBP said.

Paramedics arrived 12 minutes later to rush Anadith to the hospital in Harlingen. She was pronounced dead less than an hour later, according to the timeline.

Preliminary autopsy results found a buildup of fluid in the girl's lungs, the agency said, adding that additional information about the cause and manner of death would be released from the Cameron County medical examiner.

CBP officials say they have significantly improved medical care and screening procedures in recent years, following the deaths of several children taken into U.S. custody along the border during a record influx of Central American families in 2018 and 2019.

The 17-year-old who died one week before Anadith was staying at a shelter in Safety Harbor, Fla., run by the nonprofit Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. That agency oversees the care of teens and children who show up at the southern border without parents, sometimes including those brought over by other adults. It oversees nearly 300 shelters in 27 states, and says minors in its care are given access to health care, legal services, counseling and are able to contact family at least twice a week.

Honduras Foreign Minister Enrique Reina identified the 17-year-old as Ángel Eduardo Maradiaga Espinoza. He urged U.S. authorities to conduct an exhaustive investigation into both his death and the death of Anadith.

HHS also has confirmed that a 4-year-old from Honduras in the agency's care since 2019 died on March 17 at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich., after going into cardiac arrest. The girl was also considered "medically fragile," the agency said.

Record numbers of children and teenagers traveling without their parents have been showing up at the southern border since President Biden took office and exempted them from the pandemic border restrictions imposed during the Trump administration. Those restrictions allowed authorities to expel recent border crossers to Mexico or their home countries quickly, without a chance to seek asylum.

More recently, in the days before the pandemic policy ended, illegal border crossings jumped again, as some migrants said they rushed to enter the country before new Biden restrictions aimed at boosting deportations took effect May 12.

Maria Sacchetti contributed to this report.



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Migrants surrender to U.S. Border Patrol agents at the U.S.-Mexico border in Yuma, Ariz., on May 11. An 8-year-old migrant girl, identified by Honduran officials as Anadith Tanay Reyes Álvarez, was the second minor to die in U.S. government custody within a week.

Concerns raised about cost, side effects of FDA-approved overdose antidote

BY DAVID OVALLE

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday approved a nasal-spray medication touted as another option to reverse overdoses caused by synthetic opioids, including fentanyl, the drug killing tens of thousands of Americans each year.

Drugmaker Indivior describes Opvee, a spray version of the drug nalmefene, as a potent medication that will save lives by acting quickly to reverse an overdose while potentially protecting against more overdoses for hours. But some public health experts, physicians and community groups are raising concerns that Opvee may burden taxpayers despite other proven, cheaper medications such a naloxone while causing agonizing, long-lasting withdrawal symptoms for some drug users after they are revived.

Opvee joins a growing market of overdose-reversing medications at a critical juncture in the nation's drug crisis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week estimated that more than 109,000 people died of overdoses in 2022, evidence that such deaths have plateaued at a dangerously high level. Opioids, including fentanyl, are believed to have caused more than 83,000 of those deaths in 2022.

Indivior's CEO, Mark Crossley, said in a statement that the prescription 2.7-milligram spray represents a significant achievement in combating the opioid crisis and will be available this fall.

The FDA's decision arrives two months after the agency approved over-the-counter sale of Narcan, a nasal version of naloxone. Narcan will hit shelves in late summer. Critics say Emergent BioSolution's over-the-counter price of less than $50 remains too high for most customers.

Indivior, with headquarters near Richmond, has not disclosed pricing for Opvee. Crossley, in an April earnings call and an interview, said the company projects $150 million to $250 million in sales per year of Opvee, which is aimed at public-interest organizations such as health departments, fire and law enforcement agencies and school districts. "Also, community health programs where via grants … they are able to buy these and distribute them into the community with the hopes that you have this in the hands of people almost like a fire extinguisher," Crossley said in an interview.

States getting billions in opioid lawsuit settlement money could also buy Opvee. Skeptics such as Utah state Sen. Jen Plumb (D), who founded the organization Utah Naloxone, said she believes the company is trying to "capitalize on fear … marketing to the places with the pots of money." Crossley said "it's about having the right options out there, for first-responders, for patients, and I think we'll let the market choose."

Plumb said studies show there's no evidence that more powerful reversal drugs such as nalmefene are more effective than naloxone. "We just want people breathing," said Plumb, who added she would oppose efforts to spend tax dollars on Opvee.

Michael Hufford, co-founder of a nonprofit awaiting FDA approval for an over-the-counter naloxone spray called RiVive that he plans to sell at cost to community groups, said potent nalfemene is "like bringing a trebuchet to a slingshot convention." Instead, he said, "cheap, over-the-counter naloxone" is what is needed to combat overdose deaths.

Such criticism underscores a divide over whether more potent reversal medications are necessary, given the success of naloxone, which is credited with saving countless lives by public health experts, doctors and "harm-reduction" groups that work to prevent the toll on drug users.

Naloxone and nalmefene bind to receptors in the brain, blocking the effect of opioids and restoring breathing in overdose victims. Liquid naloxone, which must be injected, remains prescription-only but is widely available to the public through a system of blanket prescriptions used by most states.

Many harm-reduction groups use naloxone because it is far cheaper than Narcan. Remedy Alliance, an umbrella organization that sells the liquid drug to other groups, buys two-vial kits for less than $4 each.

At Prevention Point Pittsburgh, which began distributing naloxone nearly two decades ago, the group found that even as fentanyl increasingly contaminated the street drug supply between 2013 and 2020, most people who were overdosing needed just one or two doses of naloxone to be revived.

"They are able to buy these and distribute them into the community with the hopes that you have this in the hands of people almost like a fire extinguisher."

Mark Crossley, chief executive of Indivior, on community health programs

"Over all these years, we don't have people telling us somebody [died after an overdose] because they didn't have enough naloxone," said Alice Bell, the group's overdose prevention project director.

For people with a high opioid tolerance, liquid naloxone is often preferred because doses can be adjusted to prevent jarring revivals that spark withdrawal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and chills. A jolt of 4-milligram Narcan spray can make people so sick that they quickly seek more street drugs, said Claire Zagorski, a paramedic and graduate research assistant at the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy.

She and other harm-reduction advocates worry that Opvee, with its potency and durability, may lead to longer bouts of withdrawals and dissuade people from carrying it on the streets. Asked about concerns over withdrawals, Crossley said "the key here is first save the life" with follow-up medical care so "they can help deal with those symptoms if they're there."

The devastation wrought by fentanyl — and stories of people needing multiple kits of Narcan to be revived — has lent urgency to creating stronger reversal drugs. Alaska recently began buying Kloxxado, an 8-milligram naloxone spray manufactured by Hikma Pharmaceuticals.

"The panic is very real, so there's money to be made there," said Zagorski, who described the quest to manufacture stronger reversal medications as an arms race by drug manufacturers.

Officials have cast nalmefene as a response to fentanyl, the cheap synthetic drug largely smuggled into the United States by Mexican organized crime. The drug is laced in other drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine, and in counterfeit pain pills. Fentanyl has increasingly claimed the lives of young people with no tolerance to opioids. That population could be a key market for Opvee.

Nalmefene was first approved for use in the United States as an overdose antidote in the mid-1990s. (That version is no longer on the market.) In Europe, nalfemene in tablet form has been used for years to curb cravings for alcohol.

Last year, the FDA approved an injectable form of nalmefene manufactured by Purdue Pharma, whose aggressive marketing of opioid pain pills helped spark the nation's addiction crisis. According to the company, which remains in bankruptcy and is trying to resolve lawsuits over its role pushing pain pills, it does not profit from the sale of the "low-cost" medication, which is mainly sold to hospitals. Harm-reduction groups and several doctors say injectable nalmefene is rarely used instead of better-known naloxone.

The U.S. government poured millions into jump-starting clinical research into nalmefene, including $10.8 million through the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority for its development as a medical countermeasure "in a chemical attack using synthetic opioids." Development of the drug began under Opiant Pharmaceuticals, which was acquired by Indivior in March.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse contributed $7.4 million, and helped develop a new formulation for nasal nalmefene to absorb into brain receptors quicker. Nora Volkow, NIDA's director, said the funding was important because the pharmaceutical industry has made "minimal overall investments" in developing overdose reversal medication.

"It's not just one product that's going to serve everyone," Volkow said.

Volkow said the research was important to address treating "people that are overdosing on fentanyl [that] require multiple doses of naloxone."

Some remain wary. Ryan Marino, an emergency-room doctor and assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, said he favors any medication that will prevent overdose deaths, but worries about the unintended consequences of Opvee — including how it may shape perceptions of naloxone.

"I have a lot of apprehension that now people won't want naloxone," he said.



INDIVIOR

The Food and Drug Administration has approved Opvee, a prescription nasal nalmefene spray to reverse overdoses from fentanyl and other opioids. The spray is manufactured by Indivior.

2024 presidential hopeful Tim Scott takes optimistic tone at kickoff event

BY MARIANNE LEVINE

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Sen. Tim Scott, one of the country's most prominent Black Republicans, kicked off his presidential campaign here Monday, highlighting his biography and Christian faith, while also attacking President Biden in a speech that set him apart from some rivals in tone and content.

Speaking to a packed gymnasium, Scott invoked scripture and at times adopted the tone of a preacher, asking the crowd for an "amen" and "hallelujah," as he walked around a stage with a handheld microphone. In a speech that sought to hit uplifting notes, he described himself as a "kid raised in poverty" who went on to serve in Congress and warned of a nation "retreating away from patriotism and faith" under Biden.

"I will be the president who stops the far left's assault on our religious liberty," Scott said, without getting into specifics. The remark drew loud applause.

While he repeatedly assailed Biden, Scott made no mention of his Republican opponents, including former president Donald Trump, the clear polling leader in the GOP race. His allies don't expect him to spend much time talking about the former president, at least in the early days of his campaign. Scott also did not directly criticize the direction of his party, as some of his rivals have done.

The latest entrant into the growing primary field, the South Carolina Republican is betting that emphasizing his faith, his personal story and a more optimistic message than other GOP hopefuls, while hauling in significant campaign cash, will be enough to carry him to the Republican nomination. But he begins polling in the single digits, well behind Trump and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is also slated to enter the race this week and is running second.

"There's a lane out there. We're going to figure out how wide that lane is, for somebody who represents an inspirational, aspirational message," said Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.), the second-ranking Senate Republican who led the opening prayer at Scott's event and is supporting his bid.

Others, however, argue that Scott will need to take Trump on more directly to be successful, and question how much his campaign will resonate in a party where anger has fueled the rise of Trump and DeSantis.

"The key question for me is, are you prepared to tell Donald Trump to shut the hell up and get out of the race?" said Michael Steele, a former Republican National Committee chairman and vocal Trump critic. "If he's not ready to take on Donald Trump, then he's not ready to be president."

Scott launched his campaign at Charleston Southern University, his alma mater, with some high-profile Republican support. Larry Ellison, co-founder of Oracle and a major GOP donor who has financially backed Scott, also attended Monday's event and received a shout-out from Scott in his remarks.

The South Carolina senator starts the race with $22 million from his Senate campaign and has already made a $5.5 million ad buy in Iowa and New Hampshire that will run through the first GOP debate, scheduled for August. Ahead of Monday's announcement, senior campaign officials touted Scott's fundraising prowess, saying they think he has enough resources to be on air from the day he announces until the New Hampshire primary starts.

The officials also highlighted his conservative record, including top ratings from the National Rifle Association and Susan B. Anthony Pro Life America. They argued that Scott is the most consistent conservative in the race, while also noting that Republican primary voters in South Carolina recently supported his 2022 Senate reelection.

Scott's speech hit on many of the themes that have energized the Republican base. He drew an enthusiastic response from the crowd when he criticized the Biden administration's policy at the southern border and vowed to "build the wall." He also pledged to pursue a "Made in America agenda" and said the country should stop "canceling our Founding Fathers and start celebrating them."

In addition, Scott, who unsuccessfully attempted to reach a bipartisan policing overhaul in the Senate with Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), also pledged to "back the blue" and "make it a federal crime to kill, ambush, or assault a cop in this country."

Scott is the only Black Republican senator and at the moment is poised to be the only senator to enter a presidential race that's set to include a former president, governors and a former vice president. He reiterated his belief that the United States is not a racist country — a view that is widely shared among many conservatives who have rejected the notion that institutions are plagued by systemic racism.

"For those of you who wonder if America is a racist country, take a look at how people come together," he said. "All of God's people come together. Black ones and White ones, and red ones and brown ones working together."

While Trump's rallies tend to focus heavily on his grievances and DeSantis has often boasted that Florida is "where woke goes to die," Scott, who has talked of his vision for "a new American sunrise, even brighter than before," used more personal touches on Monday meant to evoke positive feelings. He thanked his mother and invited her onstage, presenting her, along with the widow of his mentor, John Moniz, with flowers before his remarks.

But some Republicans are skeptical about such appeals.

"Nothing would make me happier than a message of optimism resonating in today's Republican Party," said Joel Sawyer, a South Carolina-based political consultant. "Whether voters want to hear it or not is a completely different matter. All evidence points to grievance politics selling and working."

At the same time, Scott has also shown a willingness to campaign in more combative tones — which showed up in Monday's speech. He has accused Democrats and liberals of pushing a "blueprint to ruin America." And in a video earlier this year announcing his intent to formally explore a run, Scott said he is uniquely suited to reject the "culture of grievance" and "victimhood" he said has been fostered by Biden and "the radical left."

Scott has previously referenced some of the more hypercritical social media backlash he received after delivering the GOP response to Biden's first address to a joint session of Congress in 2021. He voiced a similar message on Monday.

"I'm the candidate the far left fears the most," Scott said Monday. "When I cut your taxes, they called me a prop. When I refunded the police, they called me a token. When I pushed back on President Biden, they even called me the n-word. I disrupt their narrative. I threaten their control. The truth of my life disrupts their lies!"

Scott has been selective about when he has decided to speak up on racial issues within the GOP and on Monday he did not bring up the topic. During the Trump administration, he helped sink two judicial nominees over their views on race. He also met with Trump after the former president said there were "very fine people on both sides" following a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., that became violent.

On Truth Social, Trump wished Scott "good luck" and described him as "a big step up from" DeSantis, who he went on to criticize. Trump also highlighted his work with Scott on opportunity zones, Scott's signature legislation which offers tax incentives for wealthy individuals to invest in low-income areas.

In addition to Trump and DeSantis, Scott faces fellow South Carolinian and former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley. Several others are also considering entering the race, including former New Jersey governor Chris Christie and former vice president Mike Pence, who is expected to announce in June.

Chandler Caulder, a 21-year-old from Camden, S.C., who attended the Scott event, said he previously supported Trump but that "it's time for a change."

"My father's a big Trump supporter and he didn't want me coming down here today," Caulder said. "And I was like no, we need a change. We need somebody to go out there and we need to rebrand the Republican Party."

Although he only filed official paperwork Friday, Scott has effectively been running for president for some time. In April, he announced the formation of a presidential exploratory committee, which allows candidates to raise money and travel before officially entering a race. He has also been traveling for months to Iowa and New Hampshire as part of his "Faith in America" listening tour.

Shortly after his exploratory committee announcement, Scott struggled to answer specific questions about abortion restrictions. While he said he would "sign the most conservative pro-life legislation that they can get through Congress," he added: "I'm not going to talk about six or five or seven or 10." Scott, however, has said he would sign a 15-week national ban. In his speech, Scott did not delve into the specifics of abortion laws.

Thune said Scott will need to figure out "how to connect with that voter who perhaps liked the former president's policies or maybe one of the other candidates but is looking for somebody who has a tone and temperament that's optimistic and hopeful."

"He speaks to that part of the electorate that Republicans have been losing in the last couple of elections," he added.

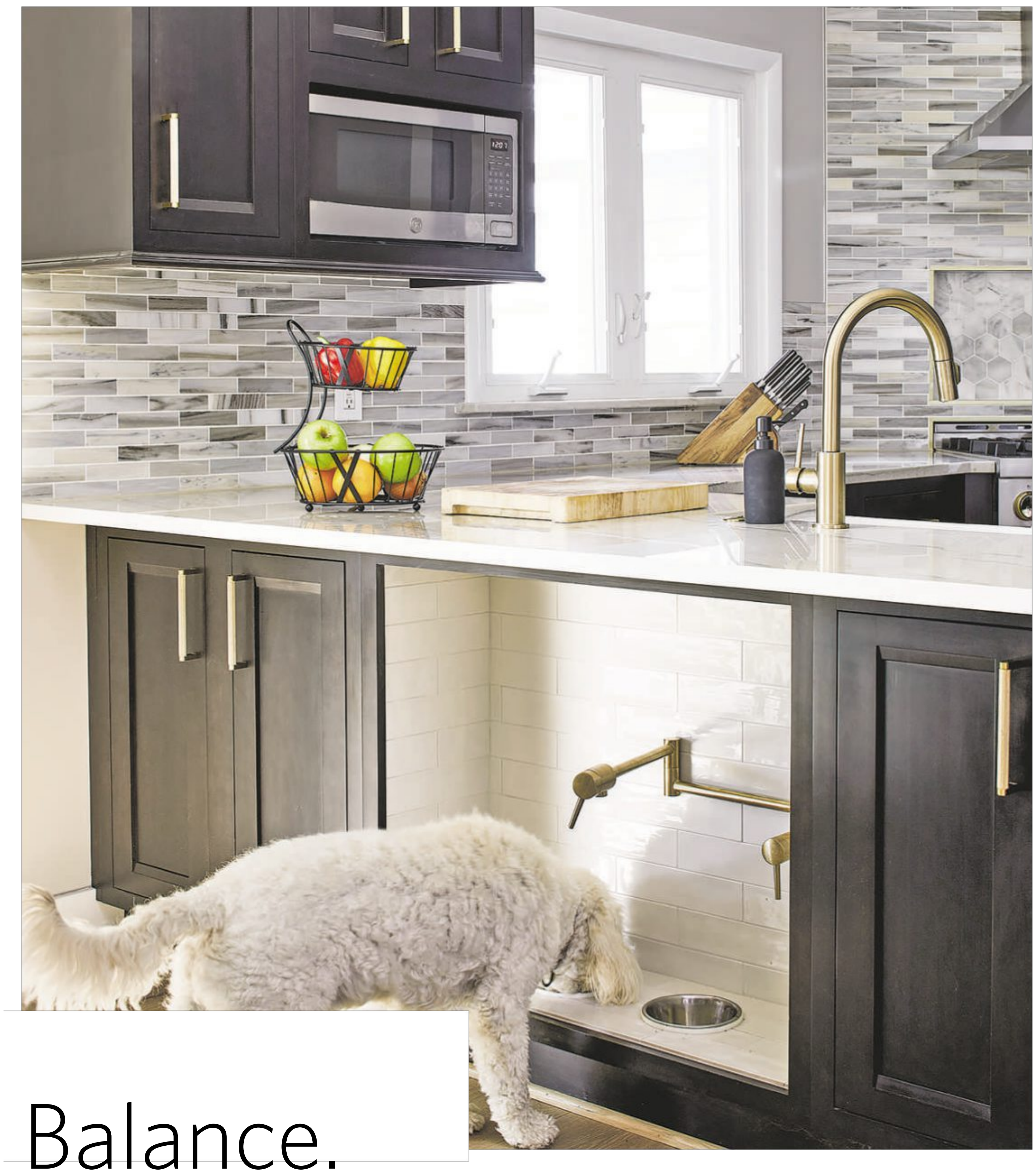
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Gender divisions on abortion among GOP lawmakers in S.C.

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"I suspect his wife thinks what he's doing is crazy, but I haven't asked her," Senn said one May afternoon, reclining behind her wooden desk. "Is he in there?"

The senators have been friends for seven years, ever since they were sworn in at the same time, and have vacationed together with their families in the Bahamas. Once, after Senn tangled with a prominent Democrat, Rice gifted her a pair of pink boxing gloves and a photo of a Chihuahua barking at a big dog, which reminded him of his 5-foot-3 suitemate taking on opponents who towered over her.

"It's always interesting to me to watch the two- and three-pound dogs go after the big dogs," he said. "The big dogs just don't care."

Today, the suitemates are locked in an uncomfortably personal stalemate — one that reflects broader discord between Republican lawmakers over how far to restrict abortion access now that *Roe v. Wade* has been struck down.

The tensions in Office 601 stem from an unusually stark gender divide that has emerged in the South Carolina State House as the Republican-dominated legislature keeps trying and failing to pass tighter abortion restrictions.

Senn, along with the two other Republican women in the Senate, has adopted rhetoric more typically used by Democrats to attack the antiabortion positions of her male colleagues.

Three times over the past eight months, as the chamber's GOP leaders have sought to prohibit most procedures starting at conception, Senn — flanked by a bipartisan bloc of the Senate's only women — has hustled to thwart what she views as attempts to "shackle women." The group — three Republicans, an independent and a Democrat, who call themselves the "Sister Senators" — filibustered for three days last month to defeat a near-total ban.

"Even if we don't agree with abortion, most of us agree with giving women some kind of escape hatch," Senn said. "My male colleagues are taking the wrong approach. We're going to lose people in the Republican Party."

If Senn is successful, bright-red South Carolina, which currently prohibits abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy, could remain a destination for the procedure in the heavily restricted South. A 12-week ban would still permit the majority of abortions, though Democrats call the limit "extreme," in part because many pregnancy complications, which could affect a woman's decision, arise after that point.

Roe's demise last summer initially triggered a six-week ban in South Carolina. After legal challenges, however, the state's Supreme Court found it to be unconstitutional, kicking off internal GOP feuding that has remained unresolved.

Republican lawmakers in other conservative states have faced similar debates over the past year.

Under pressure from antiabortion activists, some have sought to virtually eliminate a practice they decry as murder. Others, noting that key swaths of voters have rejected dramatically rolling back abortion rights, are exploring less restrictive measures. North Carolina and Nebraska last week, for instance, enacted 12-week bans similar to the one Senn embraces.

She blamed Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey for leading the party "off a cliff on abortion" instead of being open to the 12-week "middle ground." She pointed to polls showing that the majority of Americans think abortion in most cases should be legal.

Massey criticized Senn's "overall" conduct.

"She firebombs," he told The Washington Post. "She goes after people personally, and that has rubbed them the wrong way."

Senn, a Charleston lawyer who raises chickens and owns nine guns, said she is focused on standing up for women. Many women don't know they're pregnant at six weeks, she said, giving them no time to make the best decision for their health. During one speech in April, she compared the all-male drive to strip women of "reasonable" reproductive agency to the dystopian world of "The Handmaid's Tale."

"It's always about control, plain and simple," she said. "And in the Senate, the males all have control."

As she consulted her online thesaurus for filibuster material to combat the looming ban attempt, Rice, the senator from Pickens County, argued on his end of Office 601 in favor of it.

If it were all up to him, he would like to pass a bill banning abortion with no exceptions. To him, allowing exceptions was the middle-ground compromise, and banning abortion at six weeks was better than keeping access through 22 weeks.

"Every child is God's child," he said, "whether we like it or not."

Still, because their receptionist was on vacation, he wound up taking messages for one of his chief legislative adversaries of the moment.

"I answer my phone better than Sandy does," Rice said.

Both of the senators left their doors open. Rice tried not to listen to what Senn was saying on her end — "unless someone sticks their head out the door and hollers at me."

They had sparred over bills before. Both tried to keep politics separate from their personal lives — though the fight to define "pro-life" was, to each of them, intensely personal. Both had a Bible by their desks. Both asked God to guide them.

They praised each other as good people. "Good people can be antiquated," Senn had remarked. They agreed that the Senate's gender breakdown — five women and 41 men — was way out of balance. Neither said they enjoyed the stalemate that was entering its ninth month.

"I would hope the females are influenced by the males in their lives," Rice said, "just like the males are influenced by the females in their lives."

Rice's wife, Ruth, 61, said she also saw every pregnancy as "God's child." Unlike her husband, however, she would not say when, exactly, the law should draw the line. They had not discussed the six-week ban, she said, to that degree of detail.

"I don't want to take a stand," she said, "because I'm not in somebody's shoes."

Ahead of the vote, Senn expected more clashing that would keep lawmakers stuck in the same place: no consensus on restricting abortion, no progress on a Republican priority.

"It's been hard for me to look at and talk to a lot of people," she said.

Some of those people gathered one day last week in the State House, including the majority leader, Massey, who was chatting with Rice.

Senn strode past them for a caffeine break with the Sister Senators. Republican Sen. Katrina Shealy was sipping black tea with two scoops of matcha powder and two pumps of mango dragon fruit.

"For ten damn dollars," cracked Democratic Sen. Margie Bright Matthews, "for a damn lizard drink."

They all laughed. The discussion then shifted to strategy. The fourth abortion showdown would begin before June, they figured, and it wasn't a given that the women would stand together again. Matthews, the Democrat in the group, and Sen. Mia McLeod, the independent, have leaned toward protecting abortion access through about 24 weeks.

Shealy and Sen. Penry Gustafson, the other two Republicans in the group, meanwhile, had voted in February for an earlier version of the six-week ban.

"I'm calling myself a whole lot more educated than I was back then," Shealy said.

"Six weeks, for me, that was my compromise," Gustafson said, "knowing how many people wanted a total ban."

Neither expected to vote for it again, though, after fresh amendments from the House made the bill, in their view, more extreme. They had relayed that message to Massey.

"I call Senator Massey probably four times a week," Shealy told the women. "I call whoever I'm mad at and get it off, and he does listen to me."

"He's very condescending to some of us," replied McLeod. "He's a nasty piece of work to some of us."

Massey did not respond to that characterization.

She would probably prepare to filibuster. As would Senn and Matthews.

"You know what I did because they don't like us talking about vaginas?" said Matthews. "I talk about female …"

"Mutilation," Senn said.

"Genital mutilation," Matthews continued, "and why that was another form of culture of men mutilating women so they could control them."

After Senn brought up "The Handmaid's Tale," she said, a parent upstate lobbied to pull it from school library shelves. Today, another cultural reference was coming to mind. Maybe the theme of her next speech: "Drinking the Kool-Aid."

Some of her colleagues — like Rice — genuinely believe abortion is wrong at every stage, she said. Senn didn't fault them for that. She called them "true believers."

She suspected, though, that the others — perhaps the majority — felt pressured just to go along with something that, she thought, was ultimately toxic to the party.



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From left, South Carolina state Sens. Penry Gustafson, Margie Bright Matthews, Katrina Shealy, Sandy Senn and Mia McLeod on the Senate floor at the State House in Columbia. The three Republicans, an independent and a Democrat call themselves the "Sister Senators."



Senn makes a heart gesture to a colleague. She is one of only a few Republican women in the state Senate opposing an abortion ban.

"It's always about control, plain and simple. And in the Senate, the males all have control."

South Carolina state Sen. Sandy Senn (R), on the effort in the legislature to ban most abortions after about six weeks



State Sen. Rex Rice and Senn joke around on the final day of the legislative session in Columbia. The cordial Republican suitemates are locked in an uncomfortably personal stalemate on abortion.



Antiabortion groups push 2024 GOP candidates to embrace national ban

Activists insist federal government must still have a role

BY MICHAEL SCHERER AND JOSH DAWSEY

Leaders of the antiabortion movement gathered in Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago office this month to head off what they viewed as a potential crisis.

The former president's reelection campaign had recently said that abortion restrictions "should be decided at the state level." Days later, one of his rivals, former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, delivered a speech arguing against federal abortion limits that did not have enough votes to pass both chambers of Congress.

Trump's guests, including Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins and Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), showed him polling from the GOP firm On Message Public Strategies suggesting that a majority of Americans supported limiting the procedure after 15 weeks.

They insisted that the federal government must still have a role. They reminded Trump of his performance at the 2016 Las Vegas presidential debate, when he used shocking language to describe Democratic support for exceedingly rare abortions in the latest stages of pregnancy, which are typically conducted only in cases of fetal anomaly or threats to the life of the mother.

Multiple people involved in the conversation say Trump got the message. Two days later, during a CNN town hall, he repeated almost word for word what they had discussed in his office, reframing the debate away from Republican plans and onto misleading claims of Democratic extremism.

"Remember the debate with Hillary Clinton?" Trump told CNN's Kaitlan Collins. "And I said, 'Rip the baby out of the womb at the end of the ninth month, they will kill the baby in the ninth month.'"

The moment was a win in a behind-the-scenes battle being waged by antiabortion activists and senior Republican officials to corral the party's presidential candidates on an issue that has been widely viewed as kryptonite for the GOP since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last year. They are using the early days of the presidential contest to coach Republicans across the country on the need to find their voice on the issue, while arguing that any retreat from long-held GOP orthodoxy on abortion will only feed the Democratic narrative.

"It's a highly organic process involving the pro-life movement, the candidates and the Republican Party," said Ralph Reed, the head of the Faith and Freedom Coalition. "The key is to celebrate the progress being made at the state level, oppose Biden's pro-abortion agenda and hammer away that the real extremism is their goal of codifying *Roe* into law and using taxpayer funds to pay for abortions under Medicaid."

The activists who met with Trump have warned that any effort to back away from national abortion restrictions, now that states can impose their own, would be a serious mistake, putting Republicans on defense and ceding ground in Democratic-dominated states.

"More and more people who are thinking about running for president, running for federal office, if they're asked about abortion in Washington, you've got to have an answer," Graham said. "The worst answer is the states' rights issue. We tried that with slavery. It didn't work very well."

Two-thirds of Americans say they oppose the decision to eliminate the constitutional right to an abortion, including 54 percent who oppose it "strongly," according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll released this month. About 8 in 10 Americans say the decision on whether to have an abortion should be left to a woman and her doctor (78 percent), while about 2 in 10 (18 percent) say abortion should be regulated by law.

Dannenfelser — who is seeking to have meetings with all of the GOP presidential contenders — has argued that all Republicans have to support, at minimum, a bill put forward by Graham that limits abortion nationwide at 15 weeks, even though the bill lacks current prospects of passing into law. (Federal data shows about 93 percent of abortions are performed before 14 weeks of gestation. Only 1 percent of abortions occur after 21 weeks.)



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Antiabortion activists march past the Capitol on their way to the Supreme Court on Jan. 20. This year's March for Life to protest Roe v. Wade was the annual gathering's first since the Supreme Court overturned the right to abortion.

Not all of the candidates agree.

Haley, so far the only woman running as a Republican for president, has argued that the best path for antiabortion advocates is to focus on the federal level on efforts where there is clear consensus and realistic chance of passing laws. She said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that even a 20-week limit would not currently pass.

"Let's be honest with the American people and say, 'Let's find national consensus,'" she said. "Let's agree on, you know, getting rid of late-term abortions. Let's agree on the fact that we need more adoptions. Let's agree on the fact that we need accessible contraception. Let's agree on the fact that mothers shouldn't be jailed or go to, you know, get the death penalty for abortions."

Dannenfelser, who has had a tense relationship with the Haley campaign since the candidate's speech at the Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America offices in April, responded by saying Haley's position was "not acceptable."

"Ambassador Haley is uniquely gifted at communicating from a pro-life woman's perspective," Dannenfelser said in a statement. "I look forward to confirmation of her concrete goals."

Kellyanne Conway, a longtime Trump adviser and pollster who has been a leader in the antiabortion movement, said a 15-week limit on abortion is an effective way to put Democrats on defense on the issue.

"A 15-week limit, when nonpartisan doctors and scientists say a fetus can feel pain, is an easy opening bid for any Republican running for President; that's second trimester, with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother; over 70 percent of the nation agrees," she said in a statement. "This immediately smokes out the Democrats into admitting if not applauding their official position which is an absolutist abortion anytime, anyone, anyhow, anywhere."

She also criticized Haley's resistance to supporting a 15-week law. "If a president said from the beginning 'I am not doing x because we don't have the votes,' Washington would not function," Conway said. "If Nikki Haley truly believes that, she should suspend her presidential campaign immediately because at 4 percent in the polls, she herself 'does not have the votes.'"

Haley spokeswoman Nachama Soloveichik said in a statement: "Nikki's goal is to save as many babies as possible. As president, she will focus on pro-life policies that can pass Congress, like banning later-term abortion and making adoption easier. She believes we will save more babies by focusing on building consensus rather than playing into the hands of the left that tries to promote division."

As president, Trump supported legislation that limited abortions after 20 weeks, with exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. As a candidate, however, he has not yet said where he will draw the line on federal legislation since the Supreme Court ruling overturning the right to abortion, and he has suggested that his chief rival, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), went too far when he embraced a six-week limit at the state level.

In the meeting at his Mar-a-Lago estate, Trump told the group that he had concerns with bills that drew a line early in pregnancy, when women wouldn't even know they were pregnant before it was too late to make a choice, according to a person familiar with the exchange, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to reveal internal discussions. He also talked about the need for exceptions but did not agree to any specific federal legislative approach, this person said. But he did pledge to attack Democrats on abortion and signaled openness to a national law.

"We're in a position now — and I'm going to be leading the charge — we're in a position now where we can get something that the whole country can agree with," he said in a recent interview with Newsmax. Trump said "a lot of people" support a 12-to-15-week limit.

"Ron, if you take a look, is losing women voters like crazy," he added about DeSantis. "Many pro-life people, they are talking about more weeks than Ron is talking about."

DeSantis has not said whether he supports a national abortion limit after a certain period of gestation, and his spokespeople did not respond last week to a request for comment on the issue. He has criticized Trump for not saying explicitly whether he supports Florida's six-week law, which abortion advocates have criticized because it would cut off access at a point when many women don't know they are pregnant.

"As a Florida resident, he didn't give an answer about would you have signed the heartbeat bill that Florida did that had all the exceptions that people talked about," DeSantis said last week, when asked about Trump's comments on the six-week bill. "The legislature put it in. I signed the bill, I was proud to do it. He won't answer whether he would sign it or not."

According to federal data, about 6 in 10 abortions in the United States occur after six weeks of gestation, and Democratic strategists say such a position could be costly for DeSantis in a general-election campaign. At an event in Washington last week for the abortion rights group Emily's List, Vice President Harris took aim at Republicans who support six-week laws, saying most of the men who support such bans "don't even understand how a woman's body works."

In the Republican-dominated state of Kansas — where Trump won 56 percent of the vote in 2020 — nearly 60 percent of voters rejected a ballot measure in 2022 that would have declared there was no state constitutional right to abortion.

Other likely candidates for president have leaned in on the issue. Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.), who announced his presidential campaign Monday, has said he would sign 15-week federal legislation if he became president. Former vice president Mike Pence, who is also preparing to announce a campaign, has backed both a federal 15-week bill and a six-week bill, while publicly criticizing Trump's campaign for suggesting the issue should be left to the states.

"We've been given a new beginning for life in this country," he said in Iowa last month. "I think we have an opportunity to advance the sanctity of life, move it ever closer to the center of American law."

Marc Short, a top adviser to Pence, said Pence held a fundraiser for Dannenfelser's group this month in Cincinnati and would be appearing with the group more often.

"Democrats insist that the repeal of *Roe v. Wade* represented a seismic shift in public opinion on abortion. But poll after poll show that's not backed by evidence," Dannenfelser said in a statement to The Post. "There are many examples from the midterms of winning Republicans who were staunch pro-life defenders that were up against Democrat darlings who refused to rebuke up-to-birth abortions."

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TikTok sues Montana over its ban of the app, citing First Amendment

Lawsuit will set the stage for a broader debate over Chinese company

BY DREW HARWELL

The popular video app TikTok sued Montana on Monday, saying the state's new law banning the app statewide would violate Americans' First Amendment right to free expression.

The federal lawsuit will set the stage for a broader debate over the short-video app and its Chinese parent company, ByteDance, which some critics in the United States have said is vulnerable to Chinese government propaganda and espionage.

The lawsuit seeks to overturn the law, which Gov. Greg Gianforte (R) signed last week and is set to go into effect Jan. 1. The legal challenge will probably delay the measure.

Gianforte said the law would "protect Montanans' private data and sensitive personal information from being harvested by the Chinese Communist Party." Neither Montana officials nor the U.S. government has supplied evidence supporting that claim.

TikTok, which says it has 150 million monthly active users in the United States, said in its lawsuit that the state's "extraordinary and unprecedented measures [are] based on nothing more than unfounded speculation."

In a statement, TikTok spokeswoman Brooke Oberwetter said that the company is "challenging Montana's unconstitutional TikTok ban to protect our business and the hundreds of thousands of TikTok users in Montana" and that it believes its case "will prevail based on an exceedingly strong set of precedents and facts."

The lawsuit cited TikTok data from March to estimate that roughly 110,000 monthly active users accessed TikTok around Missoula, the home of the public University of Montana and the second-largest metropolitan area in the state.

Montana officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

In its complaint, TikTok says Montana's ban violates not only the company's First Amendment rights on "whether, and how, to host, disseminate, and promote third-party speech created by others," but also the free-speech rights of its users by "unconstitutionally shutting down the forum for speech for all speakers on the app."

Five TikTok creators in Montana also cited First Amendment protections when they sued Montana last week over the ban.

"Montana has no authority to enact laws advancing what it believes should be the United States' foreign policy or its national security interests, nor may Montana ban an entire forum for communication based on its perceptions that some speech shared through that forum, though protected by the First Amendment, is dangerous," the lawsuit states.

Federal judges supported a similar argument when they blocked President Donald Trump's executive order banning TikTok and the Chinese app WeChat in 2020, saying the U.S. government had provided "scant little evidence" to justify a ban that would "burden substantially more speech than is necessary."

TikTok's lawsuit also argues that Montana's ban would preempt federal law by intruding upon matters of national concern, including domestic security and foreign affairs.

TikTok is negotiating with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a cross-government group that reviews foreign business deals, on data-security measures that the company hopes will allow it to remain operational in the United States.

Some in the Biden administration have pushed ByteDance to sell TikTok, arguing divestiture is the only measure that would resolve their concerns over foreign influence.

TikTok's lawsuit argues that Montana's ban would violate the Constitution's Commerce Clause, which restricts state laws that could impair the flow of business across state lines.

It also accuses Montana of an "unconstitutional bill of attainder" by passing a law that would single out TikTok for punishment "based on speculative concerns," rather than approving a more general law that would cover all social media companies or regulate the practices of the industry at large.

Civil rights and free-expression groups have argued that TikTok presents a compelling case. Seth Stern, a director at the Freedom of the Press Foundation, wrote in March that "censoring communications from foreign countries — let alone entire platforms — is plainly unconstitutional" and called on the courts to strike any such measure down.

The law would ban TikTok from operating in the state and impose $10,000-a-day fines on any "entity," such as the Apple and Google app stores, that allows people in Montana to download the app.

Tech experts told The Washington Post last week that the proposal is "technically incompetent" due to several factors, including that the app stores don't keep track of everyone who crosses the Montana state line.

And Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond's law school, said TikTok's lawsuit makes several compelling arguments and that he expects the federal judges ruling on it may take the company's side.

"It's a pretty clear violation of the First Amendment, which requires strict scrutiny and narrowly tailored laws, which this ban is clearly not," Tobias said in an interview. "The argument about this impairing the free flow of commerce between the states is a strong argument. As is the one about national security, which is clearly within the purview of the president and the Congress, not individual states. It's a very strong case."

Biden reelection concerns outweighed by fear of Trump, swing voters say

Focus groups largely are not satisfied with the 2024 front-runners

BY MICHAEL SCHERER, EMILY GUSKIN AND SCOTT CLEMENT

Nearly all of the 15 gathered swing state voters described feeling negative emotions when they saw President Biden on a television or computer screens — "confused," "concern," "worry," "sad," "sorry" and even "panicked."

Every single one said they wished Biden and his old Republican foe Donald Trump were not running for reelection. Several offered dire assessments of Biden's mental and physical capacities, calling him too old or speculating about the possibility of dementia.

But as the focus group moderator steered the conversation to the possibility of a Biden rematch next year with the former president, the mood clearly shifted among these voters, who had all cast a ballot for Trump in 2016 and then Biden in 2020. Nine of the 15 said they would vote again for Biden, three said they would go back to Trump and three said they would either not vote or find a third-party candidate.

Even a 32-year-old recruiting manager from Phoenix, who had described the panic she felt watching Biden, came back into the fold.

"Whatever the step above panicked is, that is what I feel about Trump," said Felicia, a registered Democrat.

The results of two focus groups conducted for The Washington Post by research firms Engagious and Sago echoed research that Democratic strategists have been doing in recent months in preparation for the 2024 presidential campaign. Public polling has shown clear majorities of the American people — including many Democratic-leaning voters — are concerned about Biden's health and do not want him to run again. But in both focus groups and polling, concerns about another Trump presidency are even greater, leaving Biden in a much better position if the two men meet in a rematch.

The results suggest the possibility of a frustrating and dispiriting election season for many Americans who, like the participants in the Post groups, do not want to see either of the front-runners for the Democratic and Republican nominations as their next president. The participants in the focus groups included eight independents, four Democrats and three Republicans from Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arizona and Wisconsin, who were screened for participation by their 2016 vote for Trump and 2020 vote for Biden. Nine of the participants were White, four were Black and two were Asian American.

Voters who switched support from Trump in 2016 to Biden in 2020 made up a major part of the Democrat's victory. According to the American National Election Studies survey, 3.4 percent of voters in both elections belonged to that group, compared with 1.8 percent who switched from supporting Hillary [Clinton] in 2016 to Trump in 2020. Biden won the national popular vote by 4.5 percentage points, compared with Clinton's 2.1 point edge over Trump.

"For these voters, deciding between Trump and Biden is like being forced to choose either a demolition derby car or an old clunker for a cross-country trip," said Rich Thau, moderator of the focus groups and president of Engagious, a firm specializing in policy message testing. "With either choice, they are not particularly happy."

While both men stirred negative feelings, the focus of those emotions was different. When asked to envision the traits they wanted in their next president, youth was a common response, with multiple participants saying their concern applied both to Biden, 80, and Trump, 76.

"Those two candidates alone were not good to vote for," said Brittney, 36, a Georgia Republican who works in commercial real estate. "So we need some type of variety. We need different perspectives."

The voters said they had supported Trump in 2016 because they had wanted a change or were wary of the Democratic candidate in that race. "I didn't particularly like Donald Trump, but I guess I disliked Hillary Clinton more," explained Scott, 55, from Wisconsin, who works for a college.

Seven years later, most no longer gave the Republican the benefit of the doubt, criticizing his character, his social media use and bringing up the criminal investigations into his conduct. All participants said that they wished Trump was not running again. The words this group of voters reserved for Trump tended to be far more negative than Biden. Asked how they would feel if the former president was reelected, voters used words like "nervous," "scared," "shocked," "sick," and "horrified."

Scott said another Trump term would make him "feel like I was living in Nazi Germany."

"He was a mess. He was a clown. Somebody had to clean up after him," said Eureka, 48, an unemployed nurse in Georgia, who had voted for the reality show billionaire in 2016 because he offered "something new."

Despite the aversion to Trump and Biden appearing on the ticket, the participants did not have strong feelings about other candidates they preferred. All but two wanted Biden to face a Democratic challenger in the primaries, but there was no clear idea of who that might be.

"I kind of felt that he was going to only be a one-term president. I thought that's what the plan was," said Lisa, 57, an independent who works in fundraising in Wisconsin.

A few people mentioned Michelle Obama, the former first lady, as someone they would be interested in. A couple others knew that Biden already faced longtime Democratic challengers, while others had heard about the Republican campaigns of former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley and current Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

But as DeSantis prepares a formal announcement of his campaign, Trump's leading challenger for the nomination did not perform any better in a hypothetical head-to-head with Biden. The focus group voters cited his controversial positions in Florida and governing style as reasons for turning away from him. A majority of the participants chose Biden in that scenario, with a handful taking DeSantis or saying they were undecided.

Lisa is a previous resident of Florida, where she said she had once voted for DeSantis.

"Someone had said he was a mini-Trump. I have to agree with that. I mean, he's very divisive also," she said. "He would separate the country."

In addition to their disdain for their options, the gathered voters also shared significant economic concerns, particularly around inflation, but were divided on how much they blamed Biden. None rated the nation's economy as excellent. The only one who said "good" qualified the claim by adding "you've have to compare the problems to other developed countries." The rest rated the economy as "fair" or "poor."

"They said the unemployment is low," explained Sooraj, 32, who works at a post office in Georgia. "The jobs that are being listed, but the amount they are paying, like $7 or $8, is not enough for people."

Asked if there was anything that could be done by Trump to win back these voters, they volunteered some possibilities, even as they expressed little optimism that any of them would come to pass.

One said he needed to learn to take blame. Another said he needed an etiquette class. Another called him "a very sloppy person" who should get off social media. A fourth said he needed to "grow up."

"I think we need more choices — both parties," said Pavel, 44, an antiques salesman in Philadelphia, summarizing a feeling that was dominant among the voters. "Fresh faces, fresh ideas, youth and youthfulness, everything."



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Supporters wait for former president Donald Trump to arrive in Waco, Tex., on March 25. A swing state voter from focus groups gathered for The Washington Post said President Biden makes her feel "panicked," but Trump makes her feel "whatever the step above panicked is."

Carroll pursues new damages from Trump for CNN town hall comments

In amended complaint, the author is seeking at least $10 million

BY SHAYNA JACOBS

NEW YORK — E. Jean Carroll, an author and advice columnist who recently won a $5 million judgment against Donald Trump in a civil sexual assault and defamation case, is seeking damages from him for disparaging comments he made about her during a recent CNN town hall.

Attorneys for Carroll filed an amended complaint Monday in a separate, still-pending defamation lawsuit. They said they would seek at least $10 million in damages for comments Trump made at the prime-time event on May 10 and for the initial defamation that Carroll alleged.

The lawsuit was originally filed over comments Trump made about Carroll in 2019, when he was president and she had first publicly accused him of a decades-old sexual assault. The lawsuit has been delayed by appellate litigation having to do with whether Trump is shielded from liability because he was president at the time he made those comments.

In the CNN special this month, Trump — who left office in 2021 and is again seeking the White House — echoed some of his past comments about Carroll, including that he had never met her before, that she was lying and that she was mentally unstable.

At various points, he denied anything transpired with Carroll but also seemed to shame her for the assault she says happened in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room after a chance encounter.



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E. Jean Carroll was awarded $5 million in damages in a civil sexual assault and defamation case against the former president.

"What kind of a woman meets somebody and brings them up and within minutes, you're playing hanky-panky in a dressing room, okay?" Trump said.

CNN has faced criticism for the staging of the town hall, which allowed Trump to offer his own version of news events before a friendly Republican audience.

A day earlier, a Manhattan jury found Trump liable for sexually assaulting Carroll decades ago, in the department store, and for defaming her after he left the White House. The jurors awarded $5 million in damages.

"Trump, undeterred by the jury's verdict, persisted in maliciously defaming Carroll yet again" at the CNN town hall, Carroll's attorney, Roberta Kaplan, wrote in the revised lawsuit filed Monday. "Those statements resulted in enthusiastic cheers and applause from the audience on live TV."

The lawsuit has been locked up in an appeals court fight over whether the Justice Department can take over as counsel for Trump. His lawyers argue that Trump's 2019 responses to questions from journalists about the allegations were part of his government job. If a court agrees with that stance, it will effectively put an end to the original claims because the government would be immune from liability.

Trump and his attorneys have adamantly denied that he assaulted Carroll. At trial, his attorney Joe Tacopina alleged that Carroll and two of her longtime friends concocted the story because they did not agree with his politics.

The friends — Carol Martin and Lisa Birnbach — told jurors that Carroll confided in them about being raped by Trump shortly after the assault allegedly happened. Both said that they never discussed it again until Carroll — who never filed a police report or tried to press criminal charges — publicly accused Trump in her memoir and an excerpt of her book published in a magazine.

States hammer out agreement to cut water use and stabilize Colorado River

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the river. The Biden administration has committed to compensating the states for three-quarters of the water savings — or 2.3 million acre-feet — which would amount to about $1.2 billion in federal funds, the people familiar with the talks said. The money from the Inflation Reduction Act would pay farmers, Native American tribes, cities and others who voluntarily forgo their supplies.

"There are 40 million people, seven states, and 30 Tribal Nations who rely on the Colorado River Basin for basic services such as drinking water and electricity," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement Monday. "Today's announcement is a testament to the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to working with states, Tribes and communities throughout the West to find consensus solutions in the face of climate change and sustained drought."

The deal, which was first reported Monday by the New York Times but whose outlines The Washington Post detailed last week, came together over the past month in conference calls among state and federal officials and meetings in cities such as Las Vegas and Phoenix. It was pushed along by the publication last month of Interior's environmental review of reservoir operations — which outlined two alternatives for how to distribute cuts in water usage among the Lower Basin states.

Neither of those alternatives were particularly palatable to the states, which nudged them toward compromise. The timing of that federal process also forced the issue, as the states had until May 30 to issue formal comments on the Interior Department alternatives. As part of the new deal, Interior plans to suspend the comment period and instead analyze the new proposal in the federal environmental review process. The goal is to sign a record of decision that revises the 2007 rules that govern operations at both lakes.

Tom Buschatzke, Arizona's commissioner to the Colorado River talks, emphasized on Monday that the deal did not represent a final outcome and that the parties have agreed to a new proposal to be analyzed by the Interior Department in the months ahead.

"It is important to note that this is not an agreement — this is an agreement to submit a proposal and an agreement to have that proposal to be analyzed by the federal government," Buschatzke told reporters. "That is a really critical point for everyone to understand."

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs (D), California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) and Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo (R) sent a letter to Interior supporting the plan to scrap the draft environmental impact statement published last month and instead analyze the new deal.

"We have been informed that under almost all modeling conditions, the Lower Basin States consensus proposal would result in greater protections for Lake Mead and Lake Powell than either of the alternatives analyzed" in the existing environmental impact statement, the governors said.

The Colorado River is a major source of drinking water for some of the country's largest cities, including Los Angeles and Phoenix. The river irrigates farmland that keeps U.S. supermarkets stocked with vegetables in winter. And it provides cheap hydropower to millions of people in the West.

But by early last year, Biden administration officials became increasingly concerned that the lakes' water levels could soon drop so low that hydroelectric dams would have to shut down. The paltry amounts of runoff reaching these lakes — even in years when the Rocky Mountains got a decent snowpack — added to fears that "dead pool" was on the horizon, when the reservoirs might fall so low that dams would effectively block the river from flowing out.

In June, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton testified before the Senate that states needed to stop using 2 million to 4 million acre-feet of water — up to one-third of the river's annual average flow — or the federal government would step in to protect the river.

The last time the basin states — Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico — had negotiated cutbacks in their usage, it had taken nearly six years. This time, Touton gave the states two months to reach a deal.

That launched intense negotiations that blew through two deadlines and at times involved bitter disputes between the parties. One central tension was between Arizona and California, the two states that pull the most from Lake Mead. If the cutbacks in water use followed the legal priority system, Arizona would be hit hard, risking the water supplies of Phoenix and Tucson. If the states deviated from the priority system and distributed cuts equally among the Lower Basin, California and its powerful farming regions such as the Imperial Valley stood to suffer a major blow.

The new deal among the states would require the Lower Basin to conserve at least 3 million acre-feet by 2026, with at least half of that coming this year. An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, what it would take to cover an acre of land with a foot of water.

Arizona, California and Nevada are still finalizing where all these water savings will come from within their states, but some of the outlines have emerged. California plans to contribute 1.6 million of the 3 million acre-feet over three years, according to a statement by the Colorado River Board of California. California is the largest user of the Colorado River, with an allocation of 4.4 million acre-feet per year.

"California's water users will work quickly to implement conservation that will protect the system in the near term," JB Hamby, the chairman of the Colorado River Board of California, said in a statement.

Nevada has pledged to conserve 285,000 acre-feet through 2026, according to John Entsminger, the Southern Nevada Water Authority general manager and state's commissioner to the negotiations.

Entsminger said this amount would be saved in Lake Mead and would be uncompensated by the federal government. That's because Nevada, which has a small allocation of 300,000 acre-feet per year from the river, wants to preserve the chance of getting some of that water back post-2027.

"For the state with a legal entitlement to 1.8 percent of the river, the water savings is more valuable to us than the federal money," Entsminger said in an interview, adding that "there's very solid comfort that this is going to be implemented."

An Arizona official said the state was planning to conserve 1.1 million acre-feet of water between now and 2026.

The deal comes with emergency provisions if the reservoirs fall farther than expected in the next three years. The states would take additional action to protect reservoir elevations of 1,000 feet above sea level at Lake Mead and 3,500 feet at Lake Powell.

The heavy rain and snow that fell on Western states during winter helped ease the crisis on the Colorado and provided time and space for negotiators to reach a deal. With spring runoff, the reservoirs have started rising and dire predictions about reaching critical thresholds have receded, for now.

The 3 million acre-feet in reductions over three years is less than some of the plans laid out in the federal government's environmental review. But state and federal officials have said they are comfortable that these reductions will be enough to protect the reservoirs until 2026, when the states and the federal government have been planning a major renegotiation of how Colorado River water is shared.

As part of this week's agreement, the parties expect to formally start the 2026 process soon.

The fact that much of the water conservation could take place this year and next — as opposed to starting in 2024 under the alternatives outlined in the draft environmental impact statement — makes it a more appealing alternative that will leave reservoirs at higher levels, Entsminger said.

"We think it's good policy," he said. "But there are more steps to ultimately make this binding and enforceable."

Entsminger said it was also a major step forward for protecting a vital water source for the West.

"This is probably the largest conservation plan in the history of the river," he said.



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Key reservoirs Lake Powell, above, and Lake Mead depend on Colorado River flows and have recorded major declines in their fill levels.





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THE WORLD

Sudanese hope latest cease-fire will hold after ethnic violence in Darfur intensifies

Agreement signed by both warring parties comes amid resurgence of fighting that echoes past conflicts in west of country

BY KATHARINE HOURELD AND HAFIZ HAROUN
IN NAIROBI

Sudanese citizens are hoping that yet another internationally backed cease-fire, which was due to take effect Monday evening, won't fail like its predecessors after a week that saw a resurgence of ethnic-based violence in the western region of Darfur.

The cease-fire, supposed to last a week, was announced in a joint statement between the United States and Saudi Arabia on Saturday and is designed to allow humanitarian aid to enter the Horn of Africa nation. At least five previous attempts to broker a cease-fire have failed, but this is the first one signed by both warring parties.

Since fighting erupted five weeks ago, the main battles have been between the military, headed by Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, headed by Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, universally known as Hemedti.

But both forces recruit from certain ethnic groups, and as the fighting drags on — and as more militias are drawn into it — the fear is that the nation of 45 million could sink again into the kind of ethnic war that bedeviled its peripheral regions for decades.

"Even between the army and the RSF, there are ethnic dimensions to the fighting," said Jérôme Tubiana, an expert on the conflict in Sudan and Chad. The ethnic considerations vary from region to region, he said, but are vital to understanding the conflict.

"In South Kordofan, the army and the RSF already fought before — three years ago — and there was a clear ethnic dimension, since the army has many local Nuba recruits and the RSF has been recruiting among local Arabs," he said. "Both groups have already been in conflict for several decades."

The RSF's leadership is drawn from the Arab tribes in Darfur, while the army's officer corps comes from Arab or Arabized communities in northern Sudan, he said. Many in the army deride the RSF as an unsophisticated tribal militia, though it is both well-armed and wealthy.

While the fighting in the capital has killed hundreds of civilians, they are not the primary target of either force. But in Darfur, where civil war only ended with a peace deal in 2020, civilians are being attacked for their ethnicity.

The war in Darfur, which began in the early 2000s, killed about 300,000 people and pitted local Arab militias against African rebel forces. The military backed the militias — known as the Janjaweed — in a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the tribes of the rebels, characterized by mass rapes, the bombing and burning of villages, and massacres of civilians. Later, elements of the Janjaweed formed the RSF.

Darfur was hit hard by fighting in the first week of this latest conflict, but then a fragile locally backed cease-fire prevailed in most cities and towns, except El-Geneina, the capital of West Darfur. When the fighting erupted there, it immediately took on an ethnic dimension.

A local activist said last week that more than 550 people had been killed in El-Geneina since the fighting began in late April. Arab militias allied with the RSF assaulted the town, looting the market, killing intellectuals and attacking camps for the displaced. The street fighting died down early last week, but then the RSF hit the town with artillery, killing many civilians, the activist said, adding, "Snipers are shooting every day." He spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear for his security.

In Nyala, the capital of South Darfur, violence erupted again Friday after weeks of calm. The Turkish hospital is the only one operating in Nyala alongside a few health centers, said its general supervisor, Ibrahim Ali Abdel Bari.

"From the 19th to the 22nd [of May], we received 648 injured people as a result of the clashes between the army and the Rapid Support Forces," he said. "Today is the quietest day; we have had 18 surgeries."

Bari said Monday that the hospital had registered 13 deaths and that another eight people had died outside it before they could receive treatment. Other clinics in the city had registered fatalities as well, but he did not have details. He said that the hospital had run out of trauma supplies, including sutures, surgical supplies and bandages for broken limbs, and that it would shut down in two days if it did not receive more.

In the town of Zalingei, the capital of Central Darfur, fighting broke out Wednesday for the first time since the conflict began and lasted several days. Most telephone communications are down, but the situation on Monday was calm, a police official there said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The RSF claimed to have taken the main military base, but an army officer disputed that. He spoke on the condition of anonymity for the same reason. He said militias affiliated with the RSF moved from the town of Garsila, south of Zalingei, and attacked the army command before the fighting spread through the city. The RSF was stationed in residential neighborhoods and the army had bombed its bases, he said, especially in two eastern neighborhoods. He estimated there had to be dozens of dead.

In El Fasher in North Darfur, a humanitarian worker said there appeared to be a buildup of forces in the town, which is divided between the two sides. The town of El Daein in East Darfur is the only major settlement in the region that has seen no fighting.

Around the capital, Khartoum, and its sister cities, Omdurman and Bahri, residents said clashes continued late Sunday and early Monday, with stray bullets killing civilians. A doctor at Omdurman hospital said medical staff had abandoned the facility because of RSF harassment.

In a sign of new equipment appearing on the battlefield, the military posted several videos over the weekend of what appeared to be footage from surveillance drones on its Facebook page. The RSF posted a video with its fighters holding a damaged drone, saying they had shot it down.





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TOP: Soldiers of the Sudanese army stand near their vehicle on a road blocked with bricks in Khartoum on Saturday, as violence between two rival generals continues. ABOVE: Women walk along a street in southern Khartoum on Saturday. Residents of the capital and its nearby sister cities said clashes continued late Sunday and early Monday, with stray bullets killing civilians.

DIGEST

MEXICO

Attack kills at least 10 at off-roading event

Gunmen unleashed a barrage of bullets on participants in an off-roading event this weekend in the Mexican state of Baja California, leaving at least 10 people dead and at least nine injured, according to state officials and local media reports.

The attackers managed to escape, and security forces were searching for them, local reports said. Some authorities attributed the bloodshed to a fight between organized crime groups, but no group has claimed responsibility.

The attack occurred after 2 p.m. Saturday in the town of San Vicente, near the coastal city of Ensenada. An SUV pulled up to an area where vehicles had gathered for the two-day "Cachanillazo" meetup ride and road show event, according to a report from the local public security office. Assailants with heavy weapons jumped out and began shooting into the parked vehicles, the statement said.

In widely shared videos appearing to show the attack, bloodied corpses can be seen slumped over at the wheel of souped-up four-wheel utility task vehicles in a scene of chaos that stands out even amid the wanton violence of Mexico's cartel feuds.

— Mary Beth Sheridan and Sammy Westfall

Bulgaria parties agree to form coalition government: Bulgaria's two largest political parties, the center-right GERB and a pro-Western bloc led by "We continue to change," agreed Monday to form a coalition government with a rotating prime minister in a bid to end more than two years of policy deadlock. The uncertainty forced European Union-member Bulgaria to delay its target date for adopting the euro, and it has yet to approve a budget bill for 2023. It also hampered Bulgaria's ability to harness E.U. post-pandemic recovery funds.



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A firefighter pulls a hose to douse Manila's central post office. A massive fire razed the nearly 100-year-old landmark in the Philippine capital. It started before midnight in the basement of the neoclassical building and burned for more than seven hours.

Greek prime minister hoping for outright win in second election: Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis declined to seek a coalition Monday after this weekend's inconclusive election, paving the way for a second vote in June that he hopes his conservative party will win outright. New Democracy won 40.8 percent of the vote vs. 20.1 percent for the leftist Syriza, in a stunning boost for Mitsotakis. But it fell short of the number of seats needed to govern on its own, triggering a round of coalition talks among the three biggest parties. If no coalition is formed, a second election will take place under a system that would increase the chances of an outright win for Mitsotakis's party.

Third-place finisher endorses Erdogan: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has won the support of a nationalist rival eliminated in the first round of presidential elections, boosting his chances of extending his 20-year rule at Sunday's runoff. Erdogan secured 49.5 percent of the votes in the initial round, while main challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu won 45 percent. Third candidate Sinan Ogan won 5.2 percent — just enough weight to play a role in deciding Turkey's future. Ogan had made it clear that he'd want a government position or the vice presidency in return for endorsing either candidate.

— From news services

U.S. and Papua New Guinea sign security agreement despite setbacks

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER



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Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape, left, and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken during a news conference after the U.S.-Pacific Islands Forum at the APEC Haus in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Marape called the deal a "two-way highway."

SYDNEY — The United States and Papua New Guinea signed a security pact on Monday, sealing a strategic agreement that had been disrupted by President Biden's decision to cancel a visit to the Pacific island nation to deal with the U.S. debt crisis.

Traveling in Biden's place, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape before inking the deal, which is part of broader American efforts to counter growing Chinese influence in the region.

"We're working together as regional security partners," Blinken said at a signing ceremony in the capital, Port Moresby. "We're boosting our shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific."

The two countries also signed a maritime surveillance agreement that will enable the U.S. Coast Guard to help patrol Papua New Guinea's vast maritime territory, and the United States agreed to provide the developing nation of 10 million people with $45 million in equipment and assistance, the State Department said.

Marape called the security deal a "two-way highway" between the two nations, while Blinken said it would make it easier for their militaries to train together and improve the Pacific nation's ability to respond to humanitarian disasters.

The security pact was supposed to be the defining moment from a historic trip for Biden, who would have been the first sitting U.S. president to visit a Pacific island nation. The trip — to a country where two of Biden's uncles fought during World War II, and where one died — was intended to be a statement of American commitment to the region at a time of increased competition with China for influence.

Biden's decision to head home after the Group of Seven meetings in Japan — canceling the Papua New Guinea and Australian legs of his trip — so he could negotiate with Republicans over the debt ceiling was a blow for American credibility in the Pacific, analysts said.

But the president's about-face was not the only hiccup ahead of Monday's signing.

A purported leak of the agreement last week stirred anger in Papua New Guinea and raised questions over whether the pact was in the Pacific nation's interests. On Monday morning, students at several universities protested, demanding more information or for the deal to be scrapped altogether.

"The university is closed until the defense agreement is made known," read one sign.

Blinken and Marape both appeared to address those concerns on Monday.

The secretary of state said the agreement was drafted by the two countries "as equal and sovereign partners," adding that the United States would be "fully transparent" over the pact's provisions.

"The signing in no way, shape or form encroaches into our sovereignty," said Marape, who said the pact did not prevent his country from entering into security agreements with other nations.

The full agreement will be made public once politicians in both countries have a chance for input, the Associated Press reported.

The security agreement will likely give the United States greater access to ports and airports in a country of strategic importance, said Mihai Sora, a former Australian diplomat in the Pacific who is now a research fellow at the Lowy Institute, a Sydney think tank. Papua New Guinea was the site of intense fighting during World War II.

"The payoff for Papua New Guinea is that it gets more support for law enforcement and security, that's both economically important and politically important for the government of PNG to be able to deliver," he told The Washington Post last week, stressing that he had not seen the agreement. "The payoff for the United States is that it's seen to do good in the region, but also it firms up its strategic access and it supports a democratic country in a region that is being hotly contested."

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> **James Marape**, Papua New Guinea Prime Minister

China has increased its own security ties to Pacific island nations in recent years. Beijing's announcement last year that it had struck a security agreement with the Solomon Islands — just east of Papua New Guinea — sparked fears that China could build a military base 1,000 miles from the shores of Australia, America's closest ally in the region.

The Solomon Islands and China have denied any intention to build a base, but American and Australian officials remain wary of what they believe is Beijing's intention to extend its already growing global military footprint to strategically important parts of the South Pacific.

China also attempted to strike a sweeping multilateral economic and security agreement with almost a dozen countries in the region last year, but failed.

At an evening news conference after the signing, however, Marape said "there is nothing for us to be fearful about" the security agreement, and that it "has nothing to do with China."

Biden was supposed to meet with the leaders of many of those same countries at a Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Port Moresby on Monday. Instead, it was Blinken who told them that the U.S. president was sorry he couldn't attend but that they were invited to meet with Biden at the White House this fall — the second event of its kind after a historic U.S.-Pacific islands summit in September.

Blinken cited a list of recent American investments in the region, from increased aid to new embassies to the appointment of the first U.S. envoy to the Pacific Islands Forum, as evidence that the United States was seeing through the promises made last fall.

He also announced he would be signing new Compacts of Free Association, or COFA, agreements with two of the United States' closest allies in the Pacific, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, during his trip. Compact negotiations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands would begin "very soon," Blinken said.

The new COFA agreements, which replace expiring ones and give the United States exclusive military access, will provide the three Pacific island nations with more than $7.1 billion over the next 20 years, Blinken said.

"America's future is here in the Pacific," he told the Pacific leaders.

Yet, America's long-term role in the region remains in doubt as other nations raise their profile — and not only China.

With Biden absent, much of the attention fell on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who held his own meeting with Pacific island leaders on Monday before heading to Australia.

Marape's warm words for Modi, which compared the two countries' colonial histories and developing economies, also reflected the challenges facing the United States as it tries to reengage with the region.

Calling Modi "the leader of the Global South," Marape urged the Indian prime minister to advocate on behalf of Pacific island nations in meetings with developed nations.



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WAR IN UKRAINE

Utilizing an unlikely tool to resist the Russian onslaught: Solar panels

Decentralized energy system seen as critical to national security

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

Russian airstrikes on Ukraine's power grid plunged many parts of the country into darkness in the fall, but one water company was able to keep its pumps going. Its field of solar panels, installed as an environmentally friendly measure before the war, turned into a tool to resist the Kremlin's attacks.

Now a growing number of Ukrainian hospitals, schools, police stations and other critical buildings are racing to install solar panels ahead of what many expect will be another hard winter.

A less carbon-intense, decentralized energy system is emerging as a key element of Ukraine's reconstruction efforts. Seven months of Russian attacks on the energy grid have left it severely damaged. Ukrainian doctors, teachers and others have discovered that efforts to boost sustainability can also improve security by making it harder to knock power offline. Ukrainian policymakers, meanwhile, are setting ambitious clean energy goals, trying to shake off their prewar reputation as lagging on climate issues.

Ukrainian Deputy Energy Minister Yaroslav Demchenkov said renewable energy and small modular nuclear reactors are among the country's priorities in its rebuilding effort. Both would help reduce Ukraine's prewar reliance on a heavily centralized power system, making it more resilient and helping lower emissions.

Ukraine generated 11 percent of its electricity from renewable sources in 2020, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency, although more than half of its electricity came from nuclear power plants, which have a low carbon footprint. The country's goal is to build capacity for 30 gigawatts' worth of clean electricity by 2030, which would cover about half of Ukraine's needs.

"Before the war started, people were thinking just about the economics. Now it's energy security," said Dmytro Sakalyuk, who works on energy projects at Ecoclub Rivne, an environmental organization based in western Ukraine.

A push for solar

Advocates of renewables want solar power to be a sizable chunk of the new capacity. Although solar panels can't easily rival the power generation of a nuclear plant, proponents say they are cheaper, faster to install and more useful as a quick solution to Ukraine's immediate energy and security needs than nuclear power, which can take years to build and install.

If the efforts to spread renewable power are successful, advocates hope that they will speed Ukraine's green future far faster than had been expected before the war. Some hope that installing solar panels might be the impetus for some Ukrainians to take even more actions to reduce their carbon footprint, strengthen their self-sufficiency and improve their ability to resist Russian attacks.

"It will be much more difficult to destroy this kind of decentralized system," said Kostiantyn Krynytskyi, head of the energy department at Ecoaction, a leading Ukrainian environmental organization. "You cannot bomb all the installations. And bringing self-sufficiency will help. We saw now what centralization in our energy system means."

Even though Ukraine recently approved resuming electricity exports to neighboring countries — a sign that its ability to generate power has recovered, for now, from the wintertime bombardment of the energy system — the solar work still calls for intense urgency, officials say. Ukrainian and allied officials warn that the cold months later this year could be even harder than the winter that just ended, because of the extent of damage the grid has suffered. Getting enough diesel to power all the backup generators is also a challenge.



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Ivan Ptashnik, head teacher at School No. 17 in the Kyiv suburb of Irpin, inspects solar panels on the school's roof on May 2.

"The situation in the energy sector is still very fragile," Demchenkov, the deputy energy minister, said in an interview. "It's a very important challenge for us right now, during this period of time, to have enough equipment and allow a fuel stock, because we have information that Russia will use winter as a weapon again. For us, it is really important to have the physical protection of energy facilities."

The European Union has pledged to ship thousands of solar panels to Ukraine. Ukrainians are also hoping for help from the United States and elsewhere.

In the meantime, advocates hope the existing solar installations will serve as examples that build interest in a greener future.

Wartime panels

At a small hospital in the Kyiv suburb of Horenka, the medical staff learned the difficulty of operating without electricity in the first hours of the war last year. Horenka is next door to Hostomel, whose military airport was one of the first targets that Russian paratroopers attempted to capture. The town faced heavy Russian shelling. The hospital never closed its doors, but it lost power on the second day of the invasion and didn't regain it for more than two months. Without power, its heating system partially failed. And then a shell landed on the street just outside the building, blowing out its windows and damaging the facade.

Now the hospital has been rebuilt. This past winter, along with much of Ukraine, it used diesel generators to keep going during blackouts. But these generators consume vast quantities of fuel, they are prone to breaking down, and their noise and fumes make them inconvenient for long-term use at places like hospitals.

Next winter, the medical personnel in Horenka hope to avoid them. In February, workers screwed solar panels onto its steeply pitched roof, completing a project that is expected to cover about half the hospital's typical power needs — enough to ensure that critical equipment stays online even if the grid fails. A battery will extend the reach of the solar panels into the night. And an electric-powered heat pump can keep the hospital warm even if it gets cut again from the grid. The solar panels and battery cost $11,700 for a 12.6 kilowatt system — comparable in size to what might go on a house.

"We need long-term solutions for such hospitals," said Denys Tsutsaiev, who works for Greenpeace Central and Eastern Europe in Kyiv and, along with Krynytskyi, helped organize the hospital's solar project.

One of the first questions Tsutsaiev gets from foreigners, he said, is whether it makes sense to push forward with renewable projects at a time when Russia is still shelling the country. But, he said, that misunderstands the need.

"People are back," he said. "People cannot live at the moment without hospitals. They can't live without schools."

Nor did he and others expect solar panels to become targets. Given the small scale of the projects, it would not make sense for Russia to use one of its expensive and scarce missiles to go after solar panels on roofs, he said.

"It's much more expensive to hit it with a missile than for us to rebuild it if it's damaged," he said.

Larger-scale renewable projects have proceeded despite the war, including a wind farm in the southern Mykolaiv region that just completed its first phase of construction in March.

An array of solar projects

The effort to expand solar power isn't always straightforward. Winters in Ukraine can be long, and the country is far enough north — roughly the same latitude as southern Canada and the northern United States — that daylight hours get short in December and January. Solar advocates say the panels still generate enough electricity during those months to be useful.

Ukraine doesn't have a net-metering law, which would allow owners of solar panels to sell their excess power back into the system, although the parliament is working on legislation and Demchenkov said he hoped it would be finalized by autumn.

German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck visited the hospital in Horenka last month to announce that his government would offer $1.1 million toward eight similar solar pilot projects around Ukraine, and he urged German companies and philanthropies to follow suit. Ukrainian environmental organizations have identified dozens more hospitals, schools and public buildings where administrators would like to install solar panels or find other ways to be more self-sufficient.

The community where the municipal water utility installed solar panels proved the value of renewable energy in a time of war, said Sakalyuk, who met with Habeck during his visit. After the power went out for more than a week across much of the Mykolaiv region late last year, the utility in the town of Voznesensk was able to keep water flowing even though most other activity ground to a halt. The waterworks had installed a 50 kilowatt solar power plant in 2020 as part of a green initiative.

"People have changed how they think about solar power," Sakalyuk said. The resilience of the pumping station inspired a wave of new inquiries from businesses and homeowners who want their own solar panels, he said.

Solar advocates hope to make an impact that will last long beyond the war. Solar panels on schools, for instance, could make climate-friendly practices an ordinary part of children's lives, said Anastasiia Vereshchynska, international development manager at Energy Act for Ukraine Foundation, a group that installed solar panels on a school in the Kyiv suburb of Irpin late last year and has lined up 15 more projects this year across Ukraine.

"Our big goal is to change the culture in this country," she said. "We want kids to be part of the sustainable development of Ukraine in the future, especially in the postwar period."



WAR IN UKRAINE

Secure the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant ahead of offensive, IAEA chief urges

BY STEPHANIE LIECHTENSTEIN AND JOHN HUDSON

VIENNA — The United Nations' nuclear watchdog is pushing for a last-minute agreement to secure Ukraine's huge atomic power plant in Zaporizhzhia ahead of a counteroffensive that could see Kyiv's forces drive directly through the potentially hazardous facility.

After nearly nine months of failed efforts to forge an agreement between Ukraine and Russia to establish a protection zone around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (ZNPP), Rafael Mariano Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is now pushing for a new proposal to reduce the possibility of a catastrophic nuclear disaster. He plans to present a list of five principles for the U.N. Security Council to endorse later this month, U.S. and European diplomats told The Washington Post.



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, with Rafael Mariano Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, during a visit to Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, on March 27.

Finding consensus among the council's permanent members, however, remains a tall order given the acidic relations between Moscow and Washington coupled with Kyiv's reluctance to let world powers broker any deal other than Russia's complete withdrawal from Enerhodar, the city where the power station is located, and surrender of the plant.

Ukrainian skepticism about Grossi's efforts is not a new development, according to previously unreported classified U.S. intelligence documents leaked on the Discord messaging platform and obtained by The Post.

In mid-February, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky "insisted government officials prevent IAEA Director General Grossi from forcing Kyiv to demilitarize [the plant] judging this would not be in Kyiv's interests," one document said. The document cites a "signals intelligence report," suggesting the information was gleaned from electronic eavesdropping. In the document, Zelensky also orders his aides to assure Grossi that Ukraine was committed to the safety of IAEA personnel at the plant.

During a speech to the Arab League in Saudi Arabia on Friday, Zelensky said he was sure that no nation "would admit the military occupation of a nuclear plant to use it to blackmail the world with nuke disaster."

On Sunday, he told Group of Seven leaders in Japan that Russia's reckless takeover of the plant could have consequences for people beyond Ukraine's borders. "Some see that in the event of a disaster at a nuclear power plant occupied by Russia, radiation will reach their land, carried by the wind," he said in the southwestern Japanese city of Hiroshima, which was largely destroyed by an atomic bomb dropped by the United States during World War II.

According to two diplomats familiar with the negotiations, Grossi's plan includes five principles: a ban on stationing heavy military equipment and military personnel at the plant; a ban on firing from and toward the plant, including a ban on attacking the personnel at the site; protection of all safety and security systems at the plant; protection of all external power lines; and monitoring of compliance of the above-mentioned principles.

The plan is less ambitious than Grossi's original effort to establish a fully fledged protection zone around the plant, but nuclear experts said it could still improve the precarious situation.

The six-reactor nuclear complex is located near the front line and has been occupied by Russia since March 2022. The plant is run by Ukrainian technicians — alongside nuclear experts from Russia's state atomic energy corporation Rosatom as well as Russian armed forces. Kyiv and Moscow have traded blame for the shelling close to the site that has risked a disaster at the facility, which is Europe's largest nuclear power plant.

In a sign that military presence and activity is increasing in the area, Russia has started the partial evacuation of residents from Enerhodar, where most of the facility's workers live. Last week, Ukraine's nuclear energy company said the number of Russian forces at the plant "increased significantly" and "now number more than 2,500."

A spokesperson for the IAEA said that Grossi "remains engaged in intense negotiations with all the involved parties to secure the protection of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. In this context, the Director General is also in close contact with members of the U.N. Security Council."

Grossi has argued that the perilous situation on the ground should galvanize the international community into action. Diplomats say he wants to present the set of five principles to the U.N. Security Council on May 30, outlining conditions that Russia and Ukraine should uphold to avert a nuclear disaster.

"The steps to prevent any attacks on or from the facility and to ensure the safety of the operators inside the plant are particularly important, since either of those could lead to a significant release of radiation due to core meltdown or loss of cooling in the spent fuel ponds," said Scott Roecker, a vice president at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a nonprofit organization focused on reducing the threat posed by nuclear weapons.

Some aspects of the plan were first reported by Reuters.

Striking an agreement at the U.N. is likely to be difficult, but Grossi has already won the support of Moscow, according to a Russian diplomatic official briefed on the plan and who, like other officials, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive negotiations.

"We have no objection against them," the Russian diplomatic official said, noting that Moscow has been in touch with Grossi since last September. The IAEA director general and Russian President Vladimir Putin met in St. Petersburg in October. "We hope that the implementation of these principles will prevent any attack against ZNPP in the future," the diplomatic official added.

How Ukraine will respond to Grossi's presentation at the U.N. — should it go forward — is less clear. A spokesman for Zelensky did not respond to requests for comment.

Diplomats at the U.N. and analysts said that if Ukraine is planning to retake the plant in an upcoming counteroffensive, Grossi's plan may be less appealing. "I could imagine that it might be more difficult for the Ukrainian side to accept, as it would prevent Ukraine from regaining control of the Zaporizhzhia plant by use of military force," Roecker said.

While Ukraine does not have a permanent seat on the Security Council, a U.S. official said Washington is unlikely to support any initiative opposed by Kyiv.

A State Department official said that the United States "continues to fully support efforts" of the IAEA to manage nuclear safety and security in Ukraine. "We are following with interest DG Grossi's recent efforts to obtain commitment to a set of principles for nuclear safety and security at ZNPP that respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Negotiations on Grossi's plan are ongoing. A senior European diplomat told The Post the chances for an agreement and the briefing to go ahead are "50-50."

Ecuador and France have asked the current Swiss presidency of the U.N. Security Council to hold the briefing by Grossi on May 30 but the date is not set, diplomats familiar with the matter said.

"The safety and security of civil nuclear power facilities in conflict regions is a key issue for Switzerland," said Pierre Gobet, head of communications at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. "The exchanges between Switzerland and the IAEA have indeed intensified about the safety of nuclear power plants in Ukraine since Switzerland became a member of the Security Council."

The IAEA has managed to station a small team of nuclear safety experts at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant since last August, when Grossi first visited the site. The IAEA rotates the teams on a regular basis. But they are nuclear inspectors and have no specific military background in keeping with the IAEA's narrow mandate.

While the plant's six reactors have been in cold shutdown since September, there are still tens of thousands of kilograms of radioactive material at the site. Making matters worse, the plant has lost access to external power multiple times due to shelling in the area, prompting staff at the facility to frantically fire up diesel generators to ensure the continuous cooling of the site's reactors and spent fuel pools. Currently, the plant relies on only one external power line; before the war, it had four.

The original idea of a safety and security protection zone would have included a ban on heavy weapons at the plant and a cease-fire zone within a specifically defined radius. Initially, Grossi was hoping to receive a formal written agreement on this proposal. But a year of war has diminished Grossi's ambition.

"It was clear way back in 2022 that there was no way Russia and Ukraine would sign anything in writing," a senior Western diplomat said. The idea of a safety and security protection zone "has been off the table for months," the person added.

Hudson reported from Washington.

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Belarus pardons opposition blogger arrested after forced landing in 2021

News about post-election protests was major draw to his Telegram channel

BY MARY ILYUSHINA

Roman Protasevich, a dissident blogger arrested in 2021 after Belarusian authorities forced his flight to divert from its route and land in Minsk, was pardoned on Monday, Belarusian state news agency Belta reported.

Protasevich co-founded Nexta, an influential Telegram channel that was a major source of news about opposition protests against President Alexander Lukashenko that erupted after the 2020 presidential election.

The unprecedented wave of demonstrations swept Belarus after authorities claimed that Lukashenko, who has been in power since 1994, won by a landslide against main opposition rival Svetlana Tikhanovskaya despite a vote marred by widespread fraud.

Nexta shared crucial crowdsourced information and videos of brutal crackdowns, at times one of the very few available sources of information amid government internet shutdowns.

Protasevich's online activities drew the ire of Belarusian authorities, and hundreds of other opposition figures fled the country as officials aggressively suppressed the unrest and began a broad campaign to hunt down activists.

In May 2021, Protasevich was en route from Athens to Vilnius, Lithuania, on a Ryanair flight with his girlfriend, Sofia Sapega. The flight was diverted and landed in Minsk, the Belarusian capital, after Belarusian authorities falsely claimed there was a bomb on board. Upon arrival, Protasevich was immediately arrested. The European Union condemned the act as "hijacking" and "piracy" and banned flights over Belarusian airspace.

Protasevich's arrest and prosecution sparked major concern among human rights groups. A day after the blogger was taken off the plane, Telegram channels posted a short video in which he appeared with abrasions and bruises on his face and confessed



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Belarusian activist Roman Protasevich takes part in a briefing organized by the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Belarus in Minsk on June 14, 2021. Protasevich was en route from Greece to Lithuania in May 2021 when his Ryanair flight was diverted to Minsk and he was arrested.

to organizing "mass riots." Scholars, family members and rights activists said at the time there was little doubt that he had been coerced into confessing.

Belarusian law enforcement has a track record of using intimidation and coercion to get forced confessions, recordings of which are then shared with state media and amplified by other progovernment sources.

Protasevich spent the first few weeks of his arrest in a KGB detention center. He then reappeared on state TV in a lengthy interview with a Lukashenko-friendly TV reporter. Protasevich listed other bloggers who ran online outlets running information counter to state media and said he had been fully cooperating with the authorities.

Soon after the interview, Protasevich was released from the detention center and placed under house arrest. He gave several interviews, repeating official Minsk talking points casting the protests as Western plots to topple the government, and he praised Lukashenko.

"I'm very happy . . . of course, I have so many emotions now, it's difficult to form thoughts . . . but first of all, I am of course, very thankful to the country and personally to the president for this decision, and I hope it will only get better from here," Protasevich said Monday in a clip shared by Belta, the government news agency.

Earlier in May, he was sentenced to eight years in prison. Two other bloggers in the Nexta case — Yan Rudik and Stepan Putilo — were tried in absentia and sentenced to 19 years and 20 years in a high-security prison, respectively. Nexta was labeled a terrorist organization, and the three activists were accused of a slew of criminal offenses, including "conspiracy to seize state power in Belarus in an unconstitutional way" and "insulting the president of Belarus."

Sapega, a Russian national, was accused of running another Telegram channel called "Belarus's Black Book," which published personal information about the country's security forces. She was sentenced in 2022 to six years in prison. Last month, the Prosecutor General's Office of Belarus granted its Russian counterparts' request to transfer Sapega to Russia following her family's pleas.

"Raman Pratasevich said that Lukashenka pardoned him. After detention, Raman was forced to collaborate with KGB; he praised Lukashenka," said politician Franak Viacorka, an adviser to Lukashenko election challenger Tikhanovskaya, using alternative spellings of the names. "Pardoning doesn't mean freedom: He is under the hood. Meanwhile, the regime intensifies pressure on political prisoners. Dozens of them disappeared."

In the wake of the pardon, the reaction of Russian pundits — who, like Lukashenko, painted the protests against the authoritarian leader's reelection as a Western ploy — inadvertently confirmed the law enforcement pressure tactics used against the dissident, Protasevich's supporters said.

"Protasevich was pardoned because he betrayed everyone, including his bride, humiliated himself exactly to the extent he was ordered to, did not make a fuss and was generally like a bunny," Russia's top TV propagandist, Margarita Simonyan, wrote in her blog. "Thus demonstrating to the outside world the true face of any leader of any color revolution — the face of a scaredy-cat."

Russian President Vladimir Putin threw his weight behind Lukashenko in 2020 by offering to send riot police and bestowing a $1.5 billion loan to an embattled ally weeks into mass protests. Russia's backing helped Lukashenko regain control, but being indebted to the Kremlin weakened his position in the long-running negotiations about deeper integration with Moscow, where Lukashenko has performed a fragile balancing act of maintaining a veneer of independence without alienating Putin.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Belarus has allowed Russian forces to use its territory as the staging ground for attacks, and the two leaders frequently meet each other, most recently during the May 9 Victory Day celebrations in Moscow. On Monday, Lukashenko announced bilateral talks with Putin later this week to "resolve problems that should not be in our relations at all."

"As the government reports to me, well, there are almost no problems [in relations with the Russian Federation]. I have little faith in this. I see from the situation that there are still problems, some inconsistencies. Sometimes there is bureaucracy," Lukashenko said in a meeting with his ambassador to Russia.

Also on Monday, Eduard Babaryka, the son of former presidential candidate Viktar Babaryka, went on trial in Minsk while the whereabouts of his father, who was sentenced to 14 years in prison in 2021 on charges he rejected as politically motivated, remain unknown. Their cases are among thousands of proceedings initiated against Belarusian protesters and activists since 2020, according to the Viasna rights group.

"[Protasevich's case] is a sad human story," Russian journalist Anton Orekh wrote in his Telegram blog. "While some people in Belarus are given hellish sentences and rot in prison, he was pardoned. But it is difficult to criticize a person for not becoming a hero if you were not in his place. And there is no desire to be in his place."

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Workers aid survivors of a fire that killed at least 19 children at Mahdia Secondary School for girls in Guyana. The government sent emergency crews to the town. "It was really a national effort and still continues," national security adviser Gerry Gouveia said.

Official: Guyana girls' school fire 'maliciously set'

BY MIRIAM BERGER, ANA VANESSA HERRERO AND RACHEL PANNETT

Fire officials consider a blaze that engulfed the dormitory of a girls' boarding school in Guyana, killing at least 19 children and shaking the small South American country, to have been deliberately lit.

"The initial investigation by the fire service identified that the fire was maliciously set," Dwayne Scotland, deputy chief of the Guyana Fire Service, told a news conference Monday. No further details on the cause of the fire or who may have been responsible have been released.

Authorities initially said that 20 people had died in the fire overnight Sunday at the Mahdia Secondary School, but a spokeswoman for the national fire service said Monday that one victim was resuscitated and in critical condition on a ventilator. The dead included 18 girls and a boy, the caretaker's son, spokeswoman Silyne Griffith told The Washington Post. At least nine more were injured.

"Firefighters did manage to rescue some 20 students by breaking holes in the northeastern wall of the building," she said.

Irfaan Ali, president of the nation of 800,000 people on the North Coast of South America, called the fire "tragic and painful" and "horrific."

"The full results of what happened are not here as yet," Ali said in a statement. "The focus now is on the children to ensure that we do everything, to give them as much help as we can."

The fire started just after 11:30 p.m. Sunday at the high school in the mountainous central town of Mahdia, nearly 200 miles from Georgetown, the capital. Neighbors raced to the scene; some heard the cries of those trapped inside, local media reported.

The government launched "a full-scale medical emergency action plan," authorities said, with aircraft loaded with medical supplies and personnel to assist local responders. Within hours, critically injured victims were evacuated to Georgetown. Others were admitted to Mahdia District Hospital or were under observation.

Guyana's national security adviser, Gerry Gouveia, told local media that it was "a battle" flying through lightning and thunder to reach the area.

"It was really a national effort and still continues," he said. "All of the operators — Air Services, Trans Guyana, Roraima, the Ghana Defense Force, the Air Corps — responded immediately."

Investigators were working to determine the cause of the fire. Authorities were working to determine the names and ages of the victims.

First colonized by the Dutch and later incorporated as British Guiana, Guyana gained independence from Britain in 1966. It is the only country in South America where the official language is English, and it remains a member of the commonwealth. In recent years, it has drawn attention for the huge offshore oil reserves that are expected to transform its economy.





Legal uncertainty for international data transfers, industry argues, in Meta ruling

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national waters. The practice provides the backbone for everyday functions such as collaborating with colleagues in an international office and fulfilling orders to a global customer base.

"This decision is flawed, unjustified and sets a dangerous precedent for the countless other companies transferring data between the E.U. and U.S.," Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global affairs, and Jennifer Newstead, its chief legal officer, said in a statement about the fine. They added there would be "no immediate disruption to Facebook in Europe."

The move from the Irish Data Protection Commission is the latest development in a long-standing political and legal struggle to reconcile American laws on consumer data with European laws, which are more protective of online privacy and security.

In 2020, the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled that a commonly used data protection agreement, known as Privacy Shield, did not adequately uphold E.U. privacy law, which forced many companies to reconsider how they store and collect the data of European customers. But companies thought they could continue transferring data across borders legally through an alternative legal mechanism called Standard Contractual Clauses.

In March 2022, President Biden issued an executive order deploying a preliminary deal struck between Biden and E.U. leaders that created added checks on the collection of Europeans' personal information by U.S. intelligence agencies and allowing them to seek redress if their data is unlawfully intercepted. The deal, which still needs final approval in the E.U., could be finalized by this summer, according to Clegg.

Cross-border data transfers have become an integral part of the operations of a wide range of businesses, including tech platforms and agricultural businesses. Transferring data across international waters allows companies to analyze data from around world to predict market demand, receive and respond to customer questions, and manage their global supply chains.



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A sign outside the entrance of the Meta office building in Dublin. The Irish Data Protection Commission said the company's data transfers were in breach of the E.U.'s General Data Protection Regulation, rules that restrict what companies can do with people's personal data.

Industry groups and companies have been urging officials to approve the framework to create legal clarity for companies who transfer data across borders. In the meantime, companies will likely rely on their existing standard contractual clauses, which E.U. regulators evaluate on a case-by-case basis, said Aaron Cooper, vice president of global policy at BSA the Software Alliance.

"The decision that was announced today is that it is crucial that that data privacy framework come into force because it'll give certainty to companies [and] to individuals," Cooper said in an interview.

"What often gets lost in the conversation is that data transfers are used in every sector of the economy on both sides of the Atlantic. And it has become a cornerstone of the way companies expand job opportunities."

Peter Swire, a Georgia Institute of Technology professor who studies privacy and cybersecurity, said the United States still has to implement a few changes under the privacy framework before the E.U. can officially approve the deal. In the meantime, the Irish Data Protection Commission's fine against Meta could have wide-ranging implications for the business sector, he said.

"Many other companies rely on the same standard contractual clauses that Facebook relied on," said Swire, who served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations. "Today's decision calls into question whether other companies have sufficient safeguards in place when they use these contracts."

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> **Nick Clegg and Jennifer Newstead,** Meta's president of global affairs and chief legal officer, respectively, in a statement

Sean Heather, senior vice president for international regulatory affairs and antitrust at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, also said the new privacy framework between the United States and the E.U should resolve the legal uncertainty created by Ireland's Data Protection Commission fine against Meta.

"This issue goes far beyond Meta," he said in a statement. "The time has come for the United States and the European Union to operationalize this agreement quickly, returning certainty to data flows that underpin transatlantic economic ties, society, and our international cooperation."

Meta has faced regulatory scrutiny over its privacy practices for more than a decade, including from the Federal Trade Commission in the United States. Monday's fine is far smaller than the $5 billion settlement that the company reached with the FTC in 2019 over its alleged mishandling of user data, ending an investigation that began in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

That record-breaking fine marked a historic censure of a major tech company, but it was largely shrugged off by investors. The company's critics in Congress said the penalty did not go far enough, calling it a "Christmas present" and a "mosquito bite" for the tech behemoth. Yet the FTC settlement is a harbinger of how government penalties can inflict more than financial pain on a company.

Under its agreement with the FTC, Meta had to launch privacy reviews of every new product or change to its service, and document how those changes affect users. The company also had to submit to third-party privacy audits for 20 years and appoint compliance officers and create a new committee within its board of directors to oversee privacy decisions.

Under Monday's ruling, Meta will have five months create a system to halt all future transfers of personal data to the United States and six months to stop "the unlawful processing, including storage, in the U.S. of personal data of E.U./EEA users transferred in violation of the GDPR."

The Data Protection Commission began the inquiry into Meta's data-sharing practices in August 2020. The body determined earlier this month that Meta ran afoul of Article 46(1) of the GDPR — which allows tech companies under certain conditions to transfer personal data from the E.U. "to a third country or an international organisation" only if they provide "appropriate safeguards, and on condition that enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies for data subjects are available."

The commission ruled that Meta violated the article "when it continued to transfer personal data from the E.U./EEA to the USA" after the 2020 ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union that invalidated the Privacy Shield agreement.

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Biden nominates telecom veteran to FCC in bid to overcome stalemate

BY CRISTIANO LIMA

President Biden on Monday nominated longtime telecommunications lawyer Anna Gomez to serve on the Federal Communications Commission, taking a step toward breaking the partisan deadlock that for more than two years has hamstrung the agency's ability to carry out Democratic agenda items, such as restoring net neutrality rules.

Gomez, an FCC veteran serving as a communications policy adviser at the State Department, is the latest nominee after Gigi Sohn, another former agency staffer who withdrew from consideration in March after a grueling 16-month battle over her pick. In an interview with The Washington Post, Sohn attributed the defeat to a "concerted, coordinated campaign" by the telecom industry to block her nomination.

The five-seat commission has lacked a Democratic majority for the entirety of Biden's term, a historic delay that consumer advocates say has hindered its ability to keep telecom giants such as Verizon and AT&T in check and halted efforts to restore more stringent internet regulations. Senate Republicans criticized Sohn, a key figure in the Obama administration's net neutrality push, as a partisan who would drag the agency too far left politically.

Christopher Lewis, president of the consumer advocacy group Public Knowledge, praised Biden's nomination of Gomez and called on lawmakers to swiftly move to break the agency's current 2-2 partisan split.

"For far too long, the Biden administration and Senate leaders have left us without a full, five-person FCC while important issues are in front of the agency. . . . We urge the Senate to move quickly on her nomination as there is much important and pressing work before the FCC that will require a full Commission to accomplish," he said in a statement.

Biden first nominated Sohn, a Democrat, to serve as the agency's fifth commissioner in October 2021 and re-upped her nomination earlier this year. But Sohn withdrew amid staunch opposition from Senate Republicans and some Democrats such as Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.), who publicly came out against her in March.

Before her stint at the State Department, Gomez served as the deputy administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, a key agency within the Commerce Department that is overseeing the rollout of billions of dollars in federal funding to expand internet access nationwide.

It remains to be seen whether Gomez, a former Senate staffer, will face the same level of opposition from Senate Republicans and conservative groups as Sohn, whom advocates had hailed as a champion for consumer rights.

Jonathan Spalter, president and CEO of the industry trade association USTelecom, said in a statement that "if confirmed, I look forward to working with [Gomez] and a full five-member FCC on our shared objective to connect everyone everywhere to the power and promise of broadband."

Comcast, which last Congress hired a lobbyist to work on FCC nominations, expressed support for Gomez in a statement Monday. Chief legal officer Tom Reid said her "deep knowledge across the breadth of issues before the FCC makes her exceptionally qualified to be a Commissioner."

The remarks could signal an easier path to confirmation for Gomez than Sohn, who faced a string of attacks over her policies, past social media activity and sexual identity. Sohn would have been the FCC's first openly gay commissioner.

Sohn accused "dark money" groups of resorting to "unrelenting, dishonest and cruel attacks" to tank her nomination and keep the agency deadlocked indefinitely.

Gomez, if confirmed, would be the agency's first Latina commissioner in over two decades, according to the National Hispanic Media Coalition, which had called on the Biden administration to pick her or another Latino nominee for the agency. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus echoed the remarks in a letter to the White House in March.

The White House also said Monday that it is reissuing the nomination of two of the agency's current commissioners, Republican Brendan Carr and Democrat Geoffrey Starks. The agency has frequently operated without a full roster of commissioners throughout its history, at times limiting its ability to conduct business.



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The Amazon headquarters in Seattle, where employees plan to walk off on May 31 in response to layoffs and a return-to-office mandate.

Amazon employees plan to walk off the job as tech worker tension rises

BY CAROLINE O'DONOVAN AND NAOMI NIX

SAN FRANCISCO — On Monday, some Amazon workers at the company's Seattle headquarters announced internally their plans to walk off the job.

In messages sent out via Slack and email, employee organizers urged their colleagues to walk out on May 31 — one week after the company's annual shareholder meeting — in response to frustration over layoffs and the return-to-office mandate, as well as concerns about Amazon's climate commitments.

"Morale feels like it's at an all-time low," said a Los Angeles-based Amazon employee who plans to participate, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect their job. "In meetings and one-on-ones with colleagues, there's so much uncertainty and lack of clarity from leadership. … It's an unsettling time to work at Amazon."

The walkout, which organizers hope will draw at least 1,000 Seattle-based participants, is part of a greater wave of anxiety spilling over into agitation among Silicon Valley workers as hiring freezes follow mass layoffs amid a looming potential recession.

At Meta, morale has plummeted as top bosses received big bonuses while the company continues to lay off thousands of people. At Google, staffers are bracing themselves for more job eliminations.

During a round of recent earnings calls, tech executives generally painted a rosier financial picture for the companies. But now workers at the notoriously cushy firms are growing more agitated — even as their power to make change wanes with their lack of job security.

Layoffs almost always create a "sense of betrayal" among workers, said Nelson Lichtenstein, a labor historian at the University of California at Santa Barbara, which is why it makes sense that workers are expressing frustration even in the current economic environment.

"At many of these high-tech firms, there's a certain sense of creating a new world, something better," he said. "When you have a particular sense of a grievance and a righteousness, you can still have a worker or employee action, even in periods of recession or depression. Sometimes that's transcended by a sense of moral outrage."

Google didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Meta declined to comment. Amazon spokeswoman Lisa Levandowski said, "We respect our employees' rights to express their opinions."

Amazon founder and former CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.

The problems with tech started roughly a year ago, as interest rates rose and hurt the ability of start-ups in particular to gain easy access to cash. Amazon was one of the first companies to say it had overhired during the pandemic as it responded to a huge influx of demand. By November, following Elon Musk's takeover of Twitter and subsequent slashing of staff, other tech giants soon followed suit. Meta, Google, Microsoft and Amazon ultimately announced layoffs, slashing tens of thousands of what were once some of the cushiest and highest paid jobs on the market.

In a March blog post, Meta chief executive Mark Zuckerberg called 2023 the "year of efficiency," saying "while I know many of you are energized by this, I also recognize that the idea of upcoming org changes creates uncertainty and stress."

For more than a decade, investors gave tech executives nearly unlimited bandwidth for spending in hopes of dominating the market and uncovering the next great technology. The tech industry was a gold rush, and its headquarters, San Francisco, was a boomtown. But now, storefronts and office buildings stand empty, and old friends waiting in line for the bus home ask each other questions like, "Did you survive the cuts?"

Critics of spiraling Silicon Valley spending would say the party for famously coddled tech workers had to end sometime. But the mood among those who haven't already lost their jobs reflects months of mounting worry about where the industry — and the economy more broadly — is headed.

Enforcement of return-to-office policies is also adding to anxiety at Google, where workers have been waiting anxiously since January for rumors of additional layoffs to come true. Employees worry that the company might use in-office rules to thin out staff without announcing layoffs, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

At Meta, the company is expecting more layoffs this month in the third wave of a months-long workforce reduction that will eliminate 10,000 jobs. As news of the cuts trickled out, employees turned to Blind, an app that gives users with a company email access to a private and anonymous message board to swap intel about the cuts and gripe about the company's leadership. In March, users participated in an anonymous poll on the platform about whether they wanted Zuckerberg to leave the company, according to copies of the post viewed by The Post.

Some workers have blamed the companies' top executives for failing to make better investments or avoiding an overly optimistic hiring spree that partially led to these cuts in the first place, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. Others were angry about finding out about the layoffs from news reports and the lack of clarity from senior leaders about the overall mission of the company, the people said.

Tensions between rank-and-file workers and senior leaders at the company flared up again earlier this year after Meta's regulatory filings revealed that the social media giant had awarded some of its top executives highly lucrative bonuses based on performance that exceeded the company's overall ratings. Later, Zuckerberg announced at an internal meeting that the company will change the bonus system for senior executives following employee complaints, according to copy of his remarks obtained by The Post.

At Amazon, the company has eliminated 27,000 jobs since 2022.

Four days after Amazon announced 9,000 additional job cuts on March 20, employees got more bad news: The company's head of human resources had rejected a petition that more than 30,000 of them had signed asking for a reconsideration of the return-to-office mandate.

As a result, not only would all employees be required to appear in person three days a week, but some employees would have to pack up, sell homes and relocate without knowing whether the job they were moving for would still exist by the time they got there.

"There are so many people who are caught in limbo and unsure of the longevity of their tenure," said the Los Angeles-based employee. "To me, that goes back to this complete lack of communication and transparency from leadership."

Amazon recently cut employee stock compensation and has been closing divisions, killing products and losing leadership.

In March, thousands of employees joined a Slack group to discuss return-to-office policy and began pressuring the company to change its position. When that failed, those employees ultimately decided to stage the walkout that is now slated to happen next week.

The action — which will only go forward if at least 1,000 Seattle-based employees sign up to participate — is the combined effort of two parties: one is an informal group that sprang up in response to the return-to-office mandate, and the other is Amazon Employees for Climate Justice.

The climate group organized a walkout in 2019 that successfully pressured Amazon into committing to its Climate Pledge, which promised the company would be carbon net zero by 2040. But four years later, employees involved with the group say Amazon isn't living up to the promises it made.

"Amazon is full of smart people who want to solve problems. We're asking them to solve problems like figuring out what a more sustainable Amazon looks like," the Los Angeles-based employee said. "Rather than engaging in that conversation, the Amazon leadership team is consistently breaking our trust."

Amazon said its commitment to reaching carbon net zero by 2040 was in the works before the 2019 employee walkout.

Gerrit De Vynck contributed reporting.

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ECONOMY

Money squeeze ahead for more, Fed reports

Increasing numbers of Americans say they are struggling with their finances, according to a new Federal Reserve report revealing the toll that inflation has taken on U.S. households over the past year.

Some 73 percent of adults were "doing at least OK financially" as of October, down five percentage points from a year earlier and among the lowest levels since 2016, the central bank's annual Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking, published Monday, showed.

The survey examines the financial situation of more than 11,000 adults and their families in the United States. The inflation rate surged to a 40-year high in mid-2022, squeezing American households to a degree that hadn't been seen since the 1980s. Since then, inflation has receded, though it remains well the above pre-pandemic pace.

Nearly a quarter of respondents said that while their spending had increased in 2022, their incomes had not. Roughly two-thirds said they stopped using a product or used less of it because of higher prices, while 51 percent noted they reduced their savings. About 28 percent reported going without some medical care in the last year because they couldn't afford it.

— Bloomberg News

PAYMENT APPS

Venmo says it will allow teen accounts

Teenagers will officially be allowed to open a Venmo account with a parent's permission, the company said Monday, expanding the popular social payments app to an age demographic that is likely to embrace it almost immediately.

Using Venmo won't necessarily be new to a number of teens; parents set up accounts for their children through their own accounts, which is a violation of Venmo's terms of service.

Venmo has been a popular way to send money to individuals for years and now has more than 90 million users.

The Venmo Teen Account will be available for 13-to-17-year-olds and comes with a debit card. Parents will be able to monitor transactions, adjust privacy settings and move money to their child's account.

They will be able to lock and unlock the debit card and see the teens' transactions.

— Associated Press

WORKPLACE ISSUES

Uber suspends head of diversity over uproar

An Uber executive was suspended after an attempt to address staff uproar over a company event about race titled "Don't Call Me Karen" backfired.

Uber's longtime head of diversity, Bo Young Lee, was put on leave last week, a spokesman for the ride-hailing company said. Lee hosted an event last month that centered on the experience of being an American White woman and included a discussion of the "Karen" moniker — used to describe a White woman who is perceived to be entitled or demanding.

When the initial event sparked backlash among some employees, who felt the conversations were dismissive of people of color, a session to address frustrations was held on Wednesday. That ignited even more "outrage" among staffers, according to internal Slack messages, in which people said Lee didn't allow sufficient time to voice grievances. Both events "caused much upset and concern" and were escalated to chief executive Dara Khosrowshahi and chief people officer Nikki Krishnamurthy.

"While it was meant to be a dialogue, it's obvious that those who attended did not feel heard," Krishnamurthy said in an email to staff on Thursday.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Enel North America announced Monday it plans to build a solar cell and panel manufacturing facility in eastern Oklahoma that would employ about 1,000 people after the state legislature agreed to a $180 million incentive package to help lure the company. The company will invest $1 billion in the project, which includes the construction of a 2 million-square-foot solar photovoltaic cell and panel manufacturing facility that Enel said would have an annual production capacity of 3 gigawatts, it said in a statement. Construction is expected to begin in the fall in Inola, about 27 miles east of Tulsa. Enel North America's parent company is based in Italy.

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COMING TODAY

10 a.m.: Commerce Department releases new-home sales for April.

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California's wild weather slows flow of tax revenue as debt limit looms

BY JULIE ZAUZMER WEIL

As President Biden and lawmakers scramble to strike a debt ceiling deal before the government runs out of money, each day counts — to the tune of about $17 billion. That's how much the U.S. Treasury spends daily, on average, to keep the government functioning.

The government gets most of those funds from taxes. So when the Congressional Budget Office reported this month that the IRS took in less tax revenue than expected from Oct. 1 through April 30 — just under $300 billion less than in the first seven months of the previous fiscal year — it sent an ominous signal that the time could come even sooner when the United States can no longer borrow more money or fend off default. According to the CBO, this "X-date" may come as early as June.

The urgency was also stressed by Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen, who warned Congress twice in the past two weeks that this reckoning could come as soon as June 1.

A big chunk of that $300 billion shortfall, about $100 billion, comes from California, according to a Bipartisan Policy Center analysis first reported by the Wall Street Journal. Because of the major storms last year and early this year, the IRS gave almost all California residents an automatic extension on their tax returns, allowing them to file in October rather than April.

Of course, natural disasters have hit communities in many states. And as storms increase in frequency and intensity due to climate change, more taxpayers are given such extensions.

Although a small number of counties in other states were also affected, almost all Californians were granted extensions. Given California's size and wealth, the Bipartisan Policy Center estimated that it accounts for 16 percent of all federal tax revenue — meaning the six-month extension has massive consequences: That $100 billion that Californians are paying later could keep the government running for almost six more days.



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A rising and fast-moving Carmel River rushes under a road bridge. Strong winds and heavy rain caused by an atmospheric river storm slammed California, leading the IRS to give almost all of the state's residents an extension on filing their income tax returns.

Alex Roytenberg, a certified public accountant with many California clients, says he has told them all to hold off on paying any taxes they owe until October so that they can keep earning interest on their money in the meantime.

"We have certain clients that have a couple million dollars' worth of taxes that are due to the IRS or to California," Roytenberg said.

While many Californians have paid their taxes, including those whose taxes are withheld from their paychecks by their employers, Roytenberg said his clients include self-employed earners who made more in 2022 than in 2021 — and prefer to pay the bulk of their higher expected tax bill later in the year.

To be sure, ups and downs in tax revenue are normal, experts say, and the reasons vary. In its May report, for example, the CBO noted that taxpayers owed less in taxes on capital gains this tax season than government forecasters had predicted.

Investors owe capital gains taxes when they sell an asset — such as a stock — and make money on the transaction. The healthy stock market in 2021 meant that many people made money on stock sales, and thus owed capital gains taxes the following spring. But the stock market did worse in 2022, so capital gains tax revenue is down.

Capital gains are "so unpredictable," said Steve Wamhoff of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. "When there's any change in the market, that's the thing that fluctuates most quickly and most dramatically. Wages and other things tend to be more stable than capital gains."

What matters most is how much money the government collects in the long run through the tax policy it sets, Wamhoff said. But those fluctuations and other factors like delayed filing all matter for the underlying question: "When is the date when the financial cataclysm occurs?"

The tax shortfall isn't the only change the government has to account for this year. Monetary policy also plays a role: The Federal Reserve is required to pay to Treasury its income from the interest earned on the bonds it holds on its balance sheet. Those holdings grew massively over the years as the Fed ramped up its bond buys, starting during the 2008 recession, to keep interest rates low — and Treasury benefited from that extra income.

However, the Fed's series of rate hikes over the past year to fight inflation meant that the central bank had to pay billions more in interest to banks around the country. The May CBO report noted that the Fed had transferred $71 billion to Treasury from October 2021 to April 2022; this year, those remittances came to less than $1 billion. That difference could account for another four days of funding the government.

More broadly, though, experts note that changes in Fed remittances or tax receipts from year to year are fairly normal. In the end, no matter when the X-date comes, Congress has to address the debt ceiling crisis.

Because of vagaries like the California filing delay, "this early June period is looking like a very close call," said Shai Akabas, who worked on the Bipartisan Policy Center's analysis. "[But] exactly when it comes is less important than that we take action before the largest risks materialize."

As concerns among investors grow, Biden and McCarthy resume direct talks

DEBT CEILING FROM A1

But the two still seemed stuck over the same political differences that have been present for months and now leave the U.S. government perhaps mere days away from a fiscal catastrophe. Biden told reporters that he hoped to improve the nation's finances by targeting "tax loopholes" and raising rates on wealthy Americans who he said do not pay their fair share — a position McCarthy later described as a nonstarter.

McCarthy, meanwhile, held firm in his position that "you have to spend less than you spent last year," a reference to deep cuts to federal programs, reductions that the president does not support. And the House speaker appeared to double down on one of his party's more controversial demands — work requirements for Americans who receive food stamps and other federal aid — despite Biden's opposition.

"We know the deadline," the speaker said. "I think the president and I are going to talk every day."

Unless Congress raises the debt ceiling — allowing the federal government to borrow money to pay its bills — the United States could default on its obligations for the first time in history, potentially tipping the nation into recession and plunging global financial markets into chaos. The national debt stands at about $31.4 trillion now.

"We reiterated once again that default is off the table and the only way to move forward is in good faith toward a bipartisan agreement," Biden said in a statement after their meeting.

Earlier in the day, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen repeated her warning that the "X-date" — the day treasury reserves fall too low to cover outgoing payments — could arrive in early June, possibly as soon as June 1. In her latest letter to lawmakers, she reminded Congress that a failure to act could "cause severe hardship to American families, harm our global leadership position, and raise questions about our ability to defend our national security interests."

On Wall Street, traders have grown accustomed to Washington periodically flirting with disaster over the debt ceiling before reaching a deal. By the end of trading Monday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average had fallen by about 140 points, while the S&P 500 closed slightly up.

Analysts at Goldman Sachs and a growing number of other financial firms say they believe the X-date may come slightly later than Treasury's estimate, on June 8 or 9. That theoretically would give Congress another week to address the debt ceiling. With the debt ceiling deadline fast approaching, investors are "probably going to start getting a little more nervous," said Alec Phillips, the chief U.S. political economist at Goldman Sachs Research.



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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and President Biden meet in the Oval Office to negotiate over raising the debt ceiling. Both sides say they favor spending cuts as part of a deal, though there are wide disagreements about what form they should take.

But the mere prospect of default threatens to breed economic turmoil long before the Treasury Department actually runs out of cash. Among the more alarming possibilities: Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service have signaled that they could place the country's credit under review if Washington strays too close to default. In 2011, a similar standoff between House Republicans and President Barack Obama prompted S&P to lower its rating of U.S. debt, sending the Dow plummeting and ultimately costing taxpayers more than $1 billion in higher borrowing costs, according to the Government Accountability Office.

"We do expect investors' concerns to mount as the X-date approaches, particularly if there's no solution and the sides look wide apart," said Jonathan Pingle, the managing director and chief U.S. economist at UBS. "As we approach, we basically see equity markets are increasingly likely to sell off, volatility indexes move higher, and there are going to be shifts and concerns in financial markets that aren't going to be great to live through."

Before Biden and McCarthy met, top Democratic and Republican lawmakers and aides convened for about three hours at the Capitol on Monday morning. White House liaisons Steve Ricchetti, Shalanda Young and Louisa Terrell exited shortly after noon without comment, while GOP Rep. Patrick T. McHenry (N.C.) sidestepped questions about the extent to which the two parties' emissaries found any common ground.

"I don't think there's any interest in us delaying these tough conversations," he told reporters. "We want this to be a productive week. ... It is in my interest, and the American people's interest, to resolve this."

But Biden and McCarthy have struggled to forge a working relationship and demonstrate any meaningful progress toward a deal. Their struggle became glaringly apparent again starting Friday, after Republican negotiators abruptly exited lower-level talks — prompting the president, en route back from Japan, to phone McCarthy directly on Sunday.

In weekend discussions, another top GOP negotiator — Rep. Garret Graves (La.) — put forward a new proposal to slash federal spending by more than $100 billion in the upcoming fiscal year and cap most agencies' budgets through the 2030 fiscal year, according to two people familiar with the plan who spoke on the condition of anonymity to offer sensitive details. In addition to raising the debt ceiling, the proposal also called for implementing tougher immigration enforcement on the U.S.-Mexico border, the people said.

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The offer was similar to a debt ceiling bill approved by the Republican-led House last month over Democratic objections and a veto threat from the White House. This weekend, though, it proved no more popular with Democrats.

The White House countered with an offer to freeze spending in the 2024 fiscal year at the levels adopted in 2023, arguing that would represent a cut because agency budgets would not rise with inflation, according to two other people familiar with the proposal, also speaking on the condition of anonymity to offer sensitive details.

Republicans rejected that idea, insisting that domestic spending must be significantly reduced from current levels so that overall spending goes down in the upcoming fiscal year even as military spending goes up. Since then, the party's more conservative members have doubled down: The House Freedom Caucus met Monday and discussed whether to urge McCarthy to reject any offer from Biden unless it includes every provision in the House-passed bill, beefed-up border security and cuts to the FBI — a new demand that follows the release of a May 12 report that was sharply critical of the agency's 2016 investigation into Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

Wall Street analysts said investors are unlikely to be fazed by the turbulent weekend, having witnessed more than a decade of showdowns that Washington managed to resolve without catastrophe. But many said the mood could shift quickly, sending markets tumbling, without signs of progress.

"My sense is that if we get toward the end of the coming week and the rhetoric is dark, we'll see a lot more red on the screen," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics and a veteran observer of the debt ceiling battles. For the moment, Zandi said, "global investors are more panicked than domestic investors."

Already, some traders have signaled their apprehensions by abandoning some Treasury bills that mature in June, around the time the government could default. Another key metric — the cost of sovereign credit default swaps, which essentially serve as insurance on federal debt — has fluctuated largely in tandem with the political outlook.

Meanwhile, some companies reliant on government spending have seen their stocks underperform by more than 10 percent this year, according to a report last week from Goldman Sachs — a sign, perhaps, that a deal to cap federal expenditures could carry market-moving consequences.

In general, Goldman Sachs analysts have found that markets are opting to "watch and wait," a posture that Phillips, the chief political economist, attributed to uncertainty over the X-date, adding, "There are a lot of people who don't actually believe that's the deadline."

Some investors also do not believe that Biden can circumvent Congress. They bristled at the president's comments Sunday about invoking the 14th Amendment to declare the debt ceiling unconstitutional, saying such a move would create significant doubts about the creditworthiness of any new debt issued by Treasury.

"What happens if the Supreme Court strikes down your interpretation of it?" said David Kelly, chief global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

"If there was a ruling against the administration on that, suddenly all the checks they've written over and above the debt ceiling would be challenged," Kelly said. "It just opens up a lot of uncertainty."

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TUESDAY OPINION

The real estate industry is at risk. Here's how to soften the blow.

BY ARPIT GUPTA AND STIJN VAN NIEUWERBURGH

The commercial real estate industry is facing the triple threat of remote work, higher interest rates and more regulation. For Americans, there is an awful lot at stake. The $20 trillion market is a bellwether for the wider U.S. economy, and its ill health has wide-ranging consequences, with risks especially high for the country's troubled regional banks.

Policymakers should act now to soften the blow.

The numbers are alarming. The transition to remote or hybrid work has seen office lease revenue fall 19 percent since the start of covid, while vacancy rates are hitting all-time highs. Our research suggests the value of office buildings in New York City might have already fallen by 40 to 45 percent, and other cities will be hit even harder. Nationwide, we project a decrease of $500 billion in the overall value of commercial office buildings.

The dire situation extends beyond offices. Urban retail has also been hit hard by the absence of downtown workers, and the acceleration of e-commerce has brought forward the existential crisis confronting many brick-and-mortar outlets.

Higher interest rates are compounding these issues. As much as $2.56 trillion in commercial property debt must be refinanced between now and 2027, and cracks in the edifice are beginning to appear, with delinquency rates on commercial mortgages rising. Trepp, a commercial property data analytics firm, reported that about 5.4 percent of office loans were in special servicing — meaning the loan payments are 60 days late — as of April. This number was about 3.4 percent just a year ago.

To make matters worse, this seismic shift has happened against a challenging background. In particular, many commercial property owners are struggling to meet the costs of regulation that demands expensive capital investment to hasten the green transition, since buildings account for up to 60 percent of carbon emissions in urban areas.

It all adds up to rising costs and falling revenue for many commercial properties around the country. And that is an especially grave development for regional banks that are overly exposed to the commercial real estate sector. The Federal Reserve Board's Financial Stability Report for May shows that smaller and regional banks are estimated to hold more than 50 percent of all commercial real estate loans outstanding, including more than $600 billion in office and downtown retail commercial property. At some banks, commercial property portfolios are more than 100 percent of equity capital.

Declining property valuations will weigh heavily on these banks, which will lead them to tighten lending standards and pull back from the sector. What follows will be a vicious downward spiral, with banks cutting off credit to property owners, who are forced to turn the keys over to the banks, who then sell off those real estate assets at fire-sale prices. The implications will not be limited to the property sector, as many small and medium-size companies rely on funding from those same small and medium-size banks.

We have seen this movie before. Between 1980 and 1994, more than 1,000 banks failed from a combination of higher interest rates and distress in the commercial property market. In 2008, the subprime mortgage crisis also resulted in the collapse of several major financial institutions. It took five years to nurse bank balance sheets back to some kind of health.

What can be done?

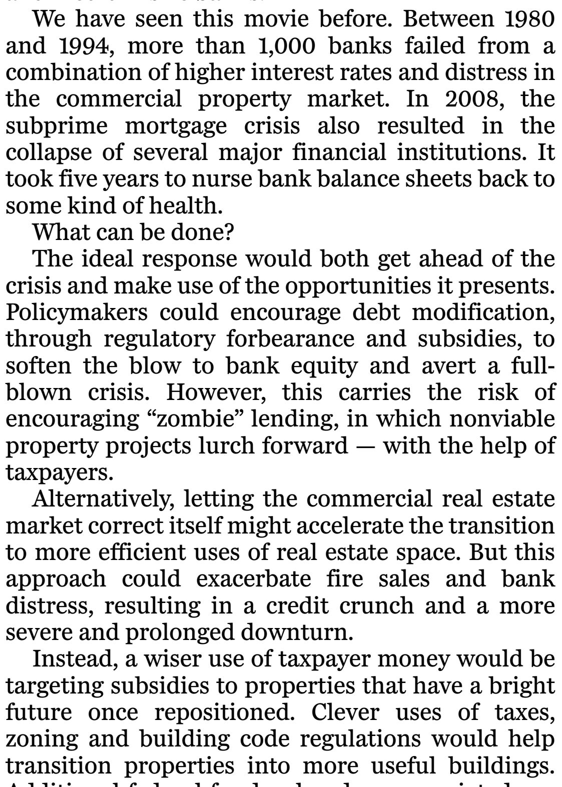
The ideal response would both get ahead of the crisis and make use of the opportunities it presents. Policymakers could encourage debt modification, through regulatory forbearance and subsidies, to soften the blow to bank equity and avert a full-blown crisis. However, this carries the risk of encouraging "zombie" lending, in which nonviable property projects lurch forward — with the help of taxpayers.

Alternatively, letting the commercial real estate market correct itself might accelerate the transition to more efficient uses of real estate space. But this approach could exacerbate fire sales and bank distress, resulting in a credit crunch and a more severe and prolonged downturn.

Instead, a wiser use of taxpayer money would be targeting subsidies to properties that have a bright future once repositioned. Clever uses of taxes, zoning and building code regulations would help transition properties into more useful buildings. Additional federal funds, already appropriated under the Inflation Reduction Act, could also be used to encourage the conversion of brown offices to green apartments.

Such programs would pay for themselves if they averted a downward spiral of bank insolvency and lower commercial property prices, and helped local governments recover property tax revenue sooner, thereby short-circuiting the urban doom loop.

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Office space for rent in Chicago on May 12.

Family caregiving should be seen as an expectation — not an exception



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BY EMILY KENWAY

Until six years ago, I had never imagined I would become a caregiver. I was living the independent life of many 30-somethings, focused on work and love. Then, my mom got cancer — and I was ushered into the hidden world of struggling family caregivers.

When friends or colleagues heard what I was doing at home, they often responded with the same phrase: "I couldn't do that." I'd wonder what they meant. *Couldn't* they? If their mom were too sick to make meals or wash or do anything at all, would they just leave her there?

Of course not. Instead, they meant that they couldn't see where neediness fit into their lives, because their lives were arranged to pretend that care didn't exist. For them — perhaps for you, too, if sickness hasn't yet rearranged your life — care was something that happened to other people.

This disconnect is the real cause of our crisis of care. In the United States, at least 53 million people are performing the difficult, vital role of family caregiving — about one-sixth of the population. Yet the country fails to acknowledge this: that at some point in their lives, an enormous number of Americans are likely to become caregivers.

This fallacy is implicit in the federal government's 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers, which commits to "convene a task force to develop a consensus definition of family caregiver." The proposal is part of a package of recommendations, many of which would hugely improve caregivers' lives. But the desire to define "family caregiver" implies that this is a category of people divisible from the whole — that they are, by definition, not everyone. Moreover, this group is so hard to define that an entire task force is required.

But what if, instead, "caregiver" were assumed to mean everyone? What if the role were merely synonymous with human life?

This is a conceptual point but a practical one, too. Think about it: We live in breakable bodies. We need care as infants, we need care when we have the flu or break a limb, and we need care when we get really sick or frail with old age. Our lives are characterized as much by neediness as by independence.

It follows, then, that our social arrangements ought to reflect this evidence-based reality. Caring should be seen as an *expectation* — not an interruption. Instead, officials pathologize caregiving, and care is cast as an unfortunate obligation.

The effect of this cultural failure is often devastating for U.S. caregivers. They can expect to lose income and pension savings, to experience higher depression and anxiety rates, to suffer from a burnout so prevalent it has its own name ("caregiver stress syndrome"), to lose their marriages and, most startlingly, to die more quickly. This is a high price to pay for carrying out what is surely the most human of tasks.

There is another way. Take, for instance, the experience of Line, a musician and teacher whom I met during research for my book. She lives in Norway, which has some of the most care-friendly policies in the world. Line has an adult son who has been disabled from birth. Over the years, she has needed long stretches of time off from her job, either to care for her son or because she herself has been unwell from exhaustion. Each time, her leave has been paid, and her job has been protected legally. Today, she is still who she was before her son was born: a musician and a teacher.

If Line lived in the United States, it is doubtful this would be true — because people here are forced to choose between caring for our loved ones or working and earning. Such a woman would probably have lost her job by taking time off to provide care, either because of insufficient leave entitlements or because of discrimination, and the school where she worked would have lost a dedicated and skilled teacher.

It is a stunningly bad arrangement. But this is not an intractable problem. In fact, its failures make the workplace the perfect laboratory to revolutionize our idea of care — and legislate from there.

First, if care is considered an inherent part of daily life, it follows that people need to work less overall, not just in times of crisis. A recent trial in Britain, in which more than 60 companies reduced the workweek from five days to four without docking pay, was overwhelmingly successful: More than 90 percent of the participating businesses opted to continue after the experiment ended.

This was not the first success story of the growing global campaign to shorten workweeks. Results from Iceland, Belgium and other locations have also been impressive.

In the United States, bills have been filed in Maryland and Massachusetts using tax credits as incentives for businesses to reduce their workweek. While this would be a major step forward, it risks creating a two-tiered labor market in which some businesses opt in but most force people to choose between work and care. Better would be to legislate for a four-day week across all sectors, ensuring care ranks equally beside work in everyone's lives.

Second, Americans need a universal right to paid caregiver leave, without which people risk repeatedly losing their jobs. Currently, family medical leave is unpaid and so restrictive that, according to the Labor Department, 44 percent of U.S. employees are ineligible.

Instead, we could follow Norway's example, expanding leave to all workers and sharing the costs between employers and government. If you need a business case, consider the recent Harvard Business School finding that providing caregiver leave can reduce turnover, especially of senior-level employees.

As President Biden recently noted, the United States has the dubious distinction of being "the only major economy without national paid leave," despite efforts to the contrary. Change is surely not on the immediate horizon. But we can take inspiration from lower tiers of government.

Several states, including Connecticut and New York, have introduced paid entitlements for those taking time off to provide care; others should follow suit. Importantly, these policies include job protection for eligible employees so people's working trajectories aren't penalized because of short-term care needs.

Of course, employees might still experience discrimination. Those 53 million U.S. caregivers — and I remind you, you are likely to be counted among them in the future — have limited rights under federal law, which has no direct provision to protect them. Once again, many states and local jurisdictions are leading the way; at least 84 areas have passed laws prohibiting workplace discrimination against caregivers. The best of these laws ensure that employees cannot be harassed, refused work, fired or given limited opportunities by employers because of their caregiving responsibilities. This is great for people living in those places, but this shouldn't be a Zip code lottery.

Ultimately, caring for loved ones should be a fundamental, protected right. Enacting changes to American laws would put care where it should be — embedded in the foundation of our governance and our lives.

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Europe fires a warning shot toward all of Big Tech

BY CHRIS STOKEL-WALKER

Mark Zuckerberg is in trouble with the authorities again. The Facebook cofounder's famous mantra was "Move fast and break things." Now, it seems, that includes European laws on data privacy.

On Monday, European regulators fined Meta $1.3 billion for not adequately protecting user data as it was transferred from Europe to the United States. That's a record-breaking fine for a tech company in Europe (though it will have minimal impact on Meta's finances — by the end of the week, Meta will have earned enough to cover it, based on first-quarter results).

This time, though, it's not just Meta that's in the crosshairs. European regulators are signaling they are fed up with Facebook — and expect Big Tech broadly to fall into line, too.

In addition, European regulators are rightly demanding that U.S. authorities get their house in order. Europe's data-privacy regime isn't perfect. But a more cooperative and conclusive regulatory framework from U.S. authorities is needed.

Meta's reaction shows this is a significant moment. Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global affairs, said the decision "is flawed, unjustified and sets a dangerous precedent" and groused that Meta was being "singled out."

Indeed. That's the point. The regulator wants to make an example of Meta. The fine tells all tech firms that certain behaviors won't be tolerated.

What exactly has the Europeans so upset?

It is against Europe's tough data privacy rules for firms to process and store data from European users outside of Europe, including in the United States. For years, some of the biggest tech firms have more or less ignored that.

Meta itself was warned in 2020 that the way it handled European users' data was not compliant with European Union laws. Yet the firm has done little to fix that. Europe's privacy watchdogs said in their ruling that Meta "committed the infringement at least with the highest degree of negligence."

At the heart of the decision are two key issues. One is the broader contextual concern: that big tech companies often don't care that they flout rules and laws, because they think their might means they can get away with it.

Then there is the specific problem: User data isn't safe in the United States. This might be hard for Americans to swallow. But what passes for data privacy rights in the United States is not always the same as what is acceptable elsewhere. European politicians, lawyers and data rights activists hold the view that the United States doesn't do enough to protect user data. And European regulators have told Meta its attempts to bridge the data-protection gap aren't sufficient. The alternative, building out functional user storage capability in Europe to serve the E.U., would be costly, and Meta seems to have decided not to bother.

There is some irony in all of this. The parallel case in the United States relates to Chinese social media app TikTok. American politicians have criticized the app in part because of the perception that data from American users could be shipped back to China for analysis and spying. The U.S. government has compelled TikTok parent ByteDance to spend billions onshoring data processing and storage facilities solely for U.S. users. Among the biggest supporters of such restrictive measures has been Meta, whose extensive lobbying on Capitol Hill has framed TikTok as a risk to national security.

Now that the shoe is on the other foot, Meta doesn't seem keen on the idea that shipping data across borders is a problem.

In reality, the company is also caught up — like TikTok — in a broader geopolitical brouhaha.

In October, President Biden signed an agreement with his European counterparts for a Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework, pledging to work together on a common set of data privacy safeguards. In February, Europe's Data Protection Board — an independent group that advises the E.U. on data privacy matters — said it welcomed some initial progress on the U.S.-E.U. framework but also outlined a long list of issues that are yet to be resolved.

A deal on a final set of rules is expected by the end of the summer. That could be critical to Meta — without a clear set of rules on data privacy that applies on both sides of the Atlantic, the firm could be forced into the near-impossible task of untangling and deleting all the E.U. user data it has stored in the United States.

That's why this fine is a much bigger deal than the financial hit to Meta. It's also a shot across the bow in a much bigger geopolitical battle and a warning that, in Europe at least, data privacy is a serious matter.

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Yevgeniy Prigozhin, head of Russia's Wagner Group, in Moscow on April 8.

Mr. Prigozhin's outburst, translated

Public rants by the Wagner Group leader reflect Russia's growing dysfunction.

VLADIMIR PUTIN'S international warlord in chief — the convicted criminal Yevgeniy Prigozhin, head of Russia's Wagner Group, a mercenary army — has lately cast a spotlight on the deepening fissures in Moscow's military apparatus. In just the first half of May, his self-promoting pronouncements have left the impression of not just the regime's disarray but also its potential disintegration.

First Mr. Prigozhin threatened to withdraw from Bakhmut his Wagner mercenaries, many of them convicted prisoners fighting on the promise that they would be freed if they survived that grinding battle in eastern Ukraine, the longest and bloodiest of the past 15 months of Russia's illegal war. Then he rescinded the threat. Then he reiterated it.

In the process, he took what was widely interpreted as a public swipe at Mr. Putin, his patron — although the target could also have been Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu — referring to a certain unnamed "geezer" who must be "a complete moron." (This is one of the less offensive possible translations.) In one foul-mouthed social media assault, he accused both Gen. Shoigu and Gen. Valery Gerasimov, Russia's army chief, whom he called "scum," of starving his Wagner forces of ammunition, the ostensible rationale for his original threat to pull them off the front lines, where they have been used as cannon fodder.

"Shoigu! Gerasimov!" Mr. Prigozhin fulminated, standing next to a macabre backdrop of dozens of piled corpses, ostensibly those of Wagner soldiers slaughtered in Bakhmut. "These are somebody's [expletive] fathers and somebody's sons! . . . They came here as volunteers and are dying for you so that you can have a wealthy life."

Mr. Prigozhin is a gangster whose outbursts represent a political sideshow against the backdrop of Mr. Putin's ruinous war in Ukraine. They have inspired debates about whether Mr. Putin tolerates, encourages or suffers the lurid public feuding.

Arguably, Mr. Prigozhin — long known as Mr. Putin's chef, for the government catering contracts that made him rich — is a convenience for the Russian tyrant, providing him with a counterbalance to the regular military and any potential threat it might pose to the regime. Yet while the Wagner Group is a small piece of Russia's overall deployment in Ukraine, its troops have done a disproportionate share of the fighting and dying in Bakhmut, the only place where Moscow's forces have made territorial gains since autumn. Bakhmut fell over the weekend after months of brutal fighting and is now controlled by the Russians, thanks largely to Wagner's troops. But Ukrainians have advanced in the suburbs, pushing Moscow's troops back several miles. U.S. intelligence estimates that of the more than 100,000 Russian casualties since December around Bakhmut, including 20,000 dead, about half are Wagner soldiers.

And Mr. Prigozhin has helped cast the Kremlin's influence far beyond Ukraine. Wagner troops have exploited mining, timber and other industries in Africa and elsewhere, flexing Russia's muscle and making a fortune for Mr. Prigozhin, memorialized by Wagner's gleaming skyscraper headquarters in St. Petersburg.

The Prigozhin spectacle, amplified by the media platforms and channels he controls, is nonetheless a symptom of the regime's dysfunction and mismanagement of the war, and it raises questions about Mr. Putin's grip on power. It should also transmit some lessons about Russia to the West.

One is about the Kremlin's disastrous leadership, which has been inflexible, ill-informed and incoherent, a major reason for the Russian military's sclerotic performance on the battlefield and the invasion's strategic failure. Russian military bloggers have documented those failures with withering accounts of the armed forces' blunders — effectively the only remaining facsimile of free media in Russia — though they carefully exempt Mr. Putin himself from blame.

Already through 15 months of full-scale war, Mr. Putin has shuffled and reshuffled his military top brass. That, along with poor planning, logistics and supplies, has fed Russian troops' abysmal morale and depleted fighting ability.

Another takeaway from the domestic criticism of Russia's military performance, amplified by Mr. Prigozhin's public invective, is that all is not calm among Russia's elites. And if restiveness continues to mount in this critical constituency in Mr. Putin's regime, the result might easily be growing instability in Moscow, which the West is likely to exploit.

There are several conceivable dangers in that scenario. They include the impossibility of predicting who might succeed Mr. Putin if he were to fall from power, or whether that successor would represent a greater or lesser threat to international stability. And in any shake-up in the Kremlin, questions would be raised about the security and chain of command of Russia's nuclear arsenal, the world's biggest.

The West, then, should proceed with due caution — but also a sense of opportunity. If the United States and its allies can further pressure Russian elites — for example, by cracking down on the bankers, lawyers and others who service them — the pressure on Mr. Putin to end the war will grow further.

Russia's army in Ukraine might not collapse anytime soon; it might be able to hold its deeply entrenched positions in the face of an expected Ukrainian counteroffensive. But the jockeying pitting Mr. Prigozhin against Russia's top brass, which makes a mockery of command unity, reflects the rot of a regime for which cynicism, repression, lies and violence are defining features.

Injustice for Mr. Kara-Murza

The U.S. should say the Russian politician is wrongfully detained.

A MONTH ago, Vladimir Kara-Murza, a columnist for Post Opinions, was sentenced to 25 years in a Russian prison for speaking out against the murderous war in Ukraine. At the time, the State Department expressed support for Mr. Kara-Murza and other political prisoners in Russia who are "held unjustly." Eighty-one members of Congress have urged the Biden administration to formally designate Mr. Kara-Murza, a permanent U.S. resident, as illegally and wrongfully detained, which would place resources behind winning his freedom under the purview of Roger D. Carstens, the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs.

Although this would not immediately relieve Mr. Kara-Murza's serious plight, it is a first step that would allow the United States to negotiate a prisoner exchange with Moscow. But the administration has not made the designation and seems to be having doubts. They should not — and ought to explain their thinking.

Complicating the situation is the fact that the United States is grappling with several difficult and high-level cases. Paul Whelan, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who has U.S., Irish, British and Canadian citizenship, was arrested in 2018 and in 2020 was convicted and sentenced to 16 years in a Russian prison for espionage. A Wall Street Journal correspondent, Evan Gershkovich, was detained March 29 and accused of espionage. Mr. Gershkovich held a valid press accreditation from the Russian Foreign Ministry. Both of these people have been designated by the United States as wrongfully detained, as they should be.

Mr. Kara-Murza is — in the words of his wife, Evgenia Kara-Murza — a Renaissance man. A historian, filmmaker and journalist, he became a leading opposition politician in Russia, learning at the knee of reformer Boris Nemtsov. He has twice survived poisonings for his political efforts. Mr. Kara-Murza contributes a periodic opinion column to The Post, often focusing on his vision for a free Russia. In an interview from prison just published with journalist Yevgenia Albats, editor in chief of New Times, Mr. Kara-Murza said he returned to Moscow last year with a clear sense of purpose. "I am deeply and firmly convinced that a politician can only remain a politician while in his own country," he said. "The public politician must share the risks with his fellow citizens. It is impossible to call on people to fight against an authoritarian regime while being at a safe distance."

Nonetheless, Mr. Kara-Murza qualifies for the designation as wrongfully detained under the Levinson Act. He has "significant ties to the United States": His wife and children are U.S. citizens. (He holds British and Russian citizenship.) The State Department says that in making a determination, it considers "the totality of the circumstances," including factors such as "the fairness of the judicial process, the veracity of the charges, and motivation or other circumstances surrounding or related to the arrest or the detention." Mr. Kara-Murza's trial procedure was highly irregular. The charges against him — treason, belonging to an undesirable organization and dissemination of false information about the Russian military — are based on five speeches in which he spoke nothing but truth. The motivation of the arrest was to silence him. Sure, Russian President Vladimir Putin's government has made it illegal to criticize the military, including the use of the word "war." But the United States should not be endorsing this absurdity. Mr. Putin is a perpetrator of war crimes against Ukraine; that is the real criminality.

Mr. Kara-Murza stands for unshakable principles. The United States should stand with him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keep focus on rehabilitation

The May 20 editorial "Ms. Bowser has eight good ideas to fight violent crime" applauded a provision of D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's bill that could result in keeping in prison individuals who are more than ready to be released to their families and communities.

Ms. Bowser's legislation, which employs a punishment-only approach to promoting public safety, includes a provision that would amend the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) to direct the court to consider an individual's original offense when determining whether release is in order. However, the IRAA was adopted because it is now widely recognized that the human brain is still developing under the age of 25 and that people tend to age out of criminal behavior after this threshold. Thus, D.C. and many other humane governments around the world have allowed such individuals to petition a judge for release after 15 years of incarceration, based on their demonstrated rehabilitation.

Many of the more than 135 people released to date under the IRAA are now working as credible messengers and violence interrupters — also integral components of D.C.'s crime-fighting efforts. If we were to judge these individuals by their troubled past rather than by who they are today, both their families and the community would lose.

The editorial warned that, as it stands, the IRAA directs judges to release "remorseless mass shooters" — and ignored the potential for the mayor's amendment to keep good people behind bars. By emphasizing these individuals' original offenses, we fail to allow them the hope of redemption.

Pam Bailey, *Washington*
The writer is co-founder of More Than Our Crimes.

Ms. Feinstein's return

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) recently returned to the Senate after an extended absence, as reported in the May 13 news article "Ignoring calls to resign, Feinstein returns to a stacked Senate Judiciary."

Much of the media coverage around her medical leave has been related to the effect on the Democrats' agenda and the historical precedents of other senators' time away. What the media has missed is the absurd notion held by Ms. Feinstein and her colleagues that she has earned the right to stay in this job until she sees fit. When recently asked about her absence, Ms. Feinstein could not recall she had been gone. Reporters followed up with other senators on her confusion, and they said, simply, she's our friend and deserves grace.

The concept of public service is to serve the public. No corporate executive would be allowed to continue in such a state, and the people of California deserve no less. It's time to remind the members of Congress what it means to put the country above self.

Jordan Schulman, *Bethesda*

The anti-social stance of guns

Regarding Christine Emba's May 16 Tuesday Opinion column, "Why do Americans want guns? It comes down to one word.":

"An armed society is a polite society." That's the National Rifle Association-approved credo that struck me in the article. It's gaining widespread acceptance, especially among gun owners. As Ms. Emba wrote, there are now 120 privately owned guns for every 100 Americans. That's the highest ratio in the world and more than twice the next country's. Those stats are alarming — but not nearly as alarming as a slogan that translates to "Respect me or I'll kill you."

The anti-societal implications are unnerving because the slogan is aimed at the general population. It's beginning to define not only our nation but also how we view one another. I'm 75, and that belief would have been totally unrecognizable in the United States when I was young — not even one lifetime ago. Its offspring are flagrant rudeness, road rage, violent entertainment, exploitative pornography, mass shootings and widespread drug abuse — all gaining ground and goaded by the internet. It feels as if we're up against a contagion with no antidote.

Or maybe good ol' reliable Alexa could tell ChatGPT to compose the solution for us.

Dan Bartges, *Ashland*

Risking U.S. influence

Regarding the May 18 news article "In canceling Pacific trip, Biden shows debt limit feud takes higher priority":

President Biden's canceled trip to Papua New Guinea raises concerns about the United States' capacity to maintain international influence. Developing nations in the Pacific, including Papua New Guinea, are particularly vulnerable amid the growing competition between the United States and China. The United States' diminishing attention to international affairs represents a missed opportunity to uphold global leadership, enhance national security and bolster the economy.

With Africa's population projected to double by 2050, it is worth noting that China, the United States' primary competitor, has surpassed the United States in investments in developing nations, particularly in Africa. When 2050 arrives, one must consider to whom these emerging consumers will turn for support and partnership.

Additionally, through expanded international investments, the United States could effectively address national security threats. Regions characterized by social, political and economic instability often become breeding grounds for violent extremism and terrorism.

As a global superpower and one of the world's wealthiest nations, the United States has a moral imperative to reclaim its international influence.

Ariel Rundbaken, *Washington*

The debate on Hiroshima

Regarding the May 18 news article "Japan to tout nuclear disarmament at Hiroshima summit":

Historians might debate whether the atomic bombing of Japan was necessary to secure its surrender, but U.S. military leaders in World War II did not. Their consensus was no, if Emperor Hirohito was permitted a titular role in a post-surrender Japanese government. President Harry S. Truman accepted that idea, but only after atomic bombs had been dropped.

Adm. William D. Leahy elaborated: "The use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan. The Japanese were already defeated and ready to surrender. … My own feeling was that in being the first to use it, we had adopted an ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages. I was not taught to make war in that fashion, and wars cannot be won by destroying women and children."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, later president, recalled his thinking when informed by Secretary of War Henry Stimson that atomic bombs would be dropped on Japan: "I voiced to him my grave misgivings, first on the basis of my belief that Japan was already defeated and the dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary, and secondly because I thought that our country should avoid shocking world opinion by the use of a weapon whose employment was, I thought, no longer mandatory as a measure to save American lives."

The military colleagues of Leahy and Eisenhower echoed their views, a fact confirmed by overwhelming documentary evidence meticulously compiled in "The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb" by Gar Alperovitz.

Bruce Fein, *Washington*

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Members of Taiwan's military reserve march during a training exercise in Taoyuan, Taiwan, on May 9.

Why the United States must prioritize Taiwan over Ukraine

BY ELBRIDGE A. COLBY AND ALEXANDER VELEZ-GREEN

Many argue that the United States does not need to choose between aiding Ukraine and deterring a Chinese invasion of Taiwan. This is a comforting but dangerous delusion. The sad truth: It does.

The main question is how to do so. The answer is by focusing U.S. resources on Taiwan's defense against China, by far the United States' strongest rival, while relying primarily on European allies to defend against a weakened Russia.

The Pentagon regularly says that preparing for conflict with China over Taiwan is its top priority. And rightly so. If Taiwan falls to a Chinese assault, the United States' military position in the region, and Asian states' confidence in Washington's ability and resolve to confront Beijing, will both be gravely weakened. The result would be a major step toward Chinese hegemony over the world's largest and most important market. If China can establish such dominance, it will be able to supplant the United States as the world's premier economy and use that leverage to diminish our prosperity and interfere in our national life — with dire implications for Americans' everyday lives.

But the United States' ability to prevent China from conquering Taiwan has been severely eroded in recent years. China's navy already dwarfs our own; its air and space forces are rapidly improving; and its missile forces threaten to prevent the U.S. military from intervening effectively to defend Taiwan. Even the normally confident commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command recently testified that trends in the Pacific are going "in the wrong direction." As a result, it is now a very serious question whether the United States can defeat a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

Restoring deterrence is still possible — *if* we get Taiwan and U.S. forces in Asia what they need as quickly as possible. But we cannot expect to do that while delivering so much aid to Ukraine. The fact is that both Ukraine and Taiwan need many of the same weapons, the United States has only limited quantities of those weapons in its available stockpiles, and our defense industry will not be able to produce enough of these critical capabilities for years. These trade-offs will worsen as China's historic military buildup continues and the war in Ukraine goes on.

So how do we ensure Taiwan can be defended while still securing important but secondary U.S. interests in Europe?

First, the United States must accelerate delivery of critical weapons to Taiwan, including strike capabilities such as HIMARS, ATACMS, GMLRS and drones, as well as defensive systems such as NASAMS, Patriots, Harpoons, Stingers and Javelins. Americans have grown familiar with the names of several of these military systems because the United States has sent many of them to Ukraine. But Taiwan also desperately needs them — including weapons for its ground forces that would confront an amphibious invasion.

To accomplish this, the Biden administration should use presidential drawdown authority to rapidly send weapons to Taiwan from U.S. stockpiles, as the administration has announced it will do. But it must favor Taiwan over Ukraine for any weapons that both need.

Unfortunately, U.S. stockpiles are depleted as a result of aid to Ukraine, so Taiwan will be forced to rely more heavily on the slower foreign military sales process. To help it do so as quickly as possible, the administration should put Taiwan at the front of the line for foreign military sales as well — ahead of Ukraine but also ahead of partners in the Middle East and beyond.

At the same time, Washington should ramp up security assistance to Taiwan. Such assistance can facilitate both drawdowns and new sales. But it should not be a blank check. Instead, U.S. aid to Taiwan should be strictly conditioned on Taiwan increasing defense spending and embracing an asymmetric defense strategy.

Second, the administration and Congress need to urgently expand U.S. defense production by reinvigorating our anemic defense industrial base — and fast. As they do so, it is imperative to focus on boosting inventories for the Pacific ahead of Europe or elsewhere. Where trade-offs arise because of limited funds, suppliers, labor, components or other constraints, Taiwan's defense must take precedence.

Finally, for all its talk about deterring China, the administration has made Ukraine's defense its clear priority with regular high-level engagement, congressional briefings and requests for funds. By contrast, the administration left U.S. Indo-Pacific Command with almost $3.5 billion in unfunded priorities this year. The administration must treat Taiwan's defense with far greater urgency, including by ensuring that U.S. forces in Asia receive essential intelligence resources and that the United States' political capital is laser-focused on bolstering our defensive perimeter in Asia.

None of this means we should abandon Europe. Instead, our allies must take primary responsibility for Europe's conventional defense, relying on the United States mainly for its extended nuclear deterrent and select conventional capabilities that do not detract from our ability to deter China. Our European allies must also take the lead in helping Ukraine.

This redistribution of labor within NATO is not just a matter of fairness. It is also imperative if Europe is to be able to deter and defend itself against Russia while the United States focuses on the much bigger challenge from China. The Russia threat is not going away. We and Europe should prepare accordingly.

Prioritization is never easy — but it is long overdue. The administration and Congress have rightly described China as the preeminent threat to the United States, but they have not acted with the focus, scale and urgency needed to address it. The window for facing the Chinese threat to Taiwan, with all that entails for Americans' concrete interests, is fast closing. Failing to do so could lead to the most consequential conflict since World War II.

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Immigration crisis? Food crisis? Or both?

BY JOSÉ ANDRÉS

Threats to U.S. national security are not just measured in missiles, armies and terrorists. Political and economic turmoil, in countries that are important to America and its allies, can also be overwhelming.

That's why fighting hunger and thirst is no longer just a challenge for aid workers. The scale of the global crisis is so great that hunger now represents a threat to our security, our borders and our projection of power.

Don't take a chef's word for it. Over the past decade or so, the U.S. intelligence community assessed the likely impact of global food and water insecurity.

U.S. security agencies predicted a world, right around now, when water shortages and floods would "risk instability and state failure, increase regional tensions, and distract them from working with the United States on important US policy objectives."

They forecast that in countries of strategic importance to us, "declining food security will almost certainly contribute to social disruptions and political instability."

I have argued for a national security adviser for food and a secretary of food. I have proposed the creation of a National Food Agency to center food policy on the needs of American citizens.

But I have not succeeded in convincing my friends on either side of the aisle on Capitol Hill or at the White House that food must stop being a policy afterthought.

The time has come for us all to prioritize food in our public policy — at home and internationally.

Consider one of the most divisive factors in politics today, both in the United States and in Europe: immigration from the Global South.

What is driving so many families to risk their lives on perilous journeys through the jungle, across rivers or on the open seas?



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Migrant families from Central America walk alongside a border wall after crossing into the United States near Sasabe, Ariz., on Jan. 23, 2022.

Violence, corruption and lack of opportunity are nothing new in the Western Hemisphere. Though they are clearly factors in the surge to the U.S. southern border, there is something new about what is moving so many people today.

That is food. To be precise: malnutrition, hunger and food price inflation.

Three years ago, the majority of migrants came from the Northern Triangle countries: Honduras, Guatemala and El Savador. Now, most migrants at our border come from other countries, including Venezuela, Colombia, Nicaragua and Cuba.

What ties these countries together?

Cuba is suffering extraordinary food shortages and price hikes. About three-quarters of Venezuelans live on less than $1.90 a day, which, economists say, is nowhere near enough to feed one person, never mind a family. In some regions of Nicaragua, almost 1 in 4 children under the age of 5 has chronic malnutrition.

I could tell you the same stories about the Northern Triangle countries a few years ago. Or I could tell you about the Honduran family we fed as they sheltered under a bridge in McAllen, Tex. They recognized the logo of World Central Kitchen, the nonprofit I founded, because we had fed them in Honduras the year before, when back-to-back hurricanes wiped out their farm.

As severe drought devastates crops across South America, the World Food Program recently warned that "the whole continent is on the move."

We cannot build a wall high enough to stop the army of mothers with hungry children in their arms.

Our problem is not that we lack the resources or know-how to relieve these unbearable pressures. Our problem is that we lack focus.

The United States spends around $25 billion a year on Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Texas alone wants to spend $4 billion on the border.

That's what the United States spends on feeding the whole planet through the World Food Program in a normal year. It's four times what the administration proposes to spend on stabilizing the democracies and economies of Central America to help stop migration.

Food is not just an existential challenge beyond our borders. In the United States, about half of the adult population either has diabetes or is prediabetic. Two in five adults are obese. Last year, supplies of baby formula collapsed because of contamination at one factory, and the shortages endure.

The Government Accountability Office recently found that the federal government leads 200 different efforts across 21 different agencies to improve our diets. Yet we still cannot match our farming subsidies to our nutritional needs.

Everybody and nobody is in charge of food.

Food can be the solution to multiple crises: from our health to our climate, from immigration to global security. But only if we think differently and prioritize our food.

Our global food systems are broken, and we urgently need structural change. That starts right here in Washington.

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Ron DeSantis is imagineering a short, losing campaign

Most great politicians have the skin of an elephant and the memory of a flea. After all, today's adversary might be tomorrow's ally.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has it the wrong way around. That means his quest for the Republican presidential nomination, which he is expected to announce this week, will be interesting. And, unless he evolves, it could be brief.

Polls still show DeSantis as having the best chance to defeat Donald Trump in the GOP race. But they also show his prospects rapidly heading in the wrong direction. RealClearPolitics found in its average of polls that in late February, DeSantis trailed Trump by just 13 percentage points. On Monday, however, Trump led DeSantis by 37 points, with much of the gap having grown in recent weeks.

This trend line is hardly encouraging for DeSantis's theory of the case. His bet is that Republican voters want a nominee who has a proven track record of enacting conservative policies and who models Trump's pugnacity but is not burdened with the former president's mountain of baggage.

Using GOP control of the Florida legislature as though it were a campaign billboard, DeSantis has loosened the state's gun laws; lowered the threshold for imposing the death penalty; expanded school vouchers; and imposed "anti-woke" restrictions on teachers and administrators at every level of public education, including in the state's universities. He has made it illegal for doctors to provide gender-transition care for minors. To top it off, he signed a bill establishing a six-week abortion ban, which — if allowed to take effect by the Florida Supreme Court — would be one of the most draconian in the nation.

Ta-da! Yet his poll numbers keep going down, not up.

The Florida governor's fight with Disney highlights his paper-thin skin, propensity to hold grudges and tendency to go way too far.

DeSantis is not helping himself with his obsessive crusade against the Walt Disney Co., which offended him last year by criticizing his "don't say gay" law banning discussion of gender and sexuality in public schools. Trying to punish a company for statements that had no practical impact — except, perhaps, on DeSantis's brittle ego — seems wildly at odds with traditional conservative values.

It also seems really stupid. Disney CEO Bob Iger announced last week that the company is canceling plans for a new $1 billion office campus near Walt Disney World that would have created 2,000 jobs. Earlier this year, Iger said at a shareholders' meeting that Disney had long-term plans to invest $17 billion in the Disney World complex — which means that Iger has 16 billion more cards to play in this poker game. How many does DeSantis have?

The Disney thing would just be a loopy sideshow if it didn't highlight traits that could hold DeSantis back as a presidential candidate — and that would be dangerous for the nation and the world if, heaven forbid, he ever became president: paper-thin skin, a propensity to hold grudges and a tendency to go way too far.

The abortion legislation is a prime example. Last year, before the U.S. Supreme Court struck down *Roe v. Wade*, DeSantis signed into law a 15-week ban. That restriction is now in effect, even as the state Supreme Court considers a challenge filed by Planned Parenthood and other groups that is based on prior rulings by that court protecting abortion as a privacy right under the Florida constitution.

DeSantis could have left the issue alone. But he apparently determined that no potential competitor should outflank him on abortion, so he demanded that the legislature give him a six-week ban. Lawmakers complied last month. But it is clear from polls and election results that setting the deadline for terminating a pregnancy at a point before many women even know they are pregnant goes far beyond what even many "pro-life" Americans are prepared to mandate. Perhaps that is why DeSantis announced his signing of that bill into law on a Thursday around 11 p.m. with no public fanfare.

In a phone call with supporters and donors last week, the New York Times reports, DeSantis argued that he should be the nominee "based on all the data in the swing states, which is not great for the former president and probably insurmountable because people aren't going to change their view of him."

But how does he imagine his six-week abortion ban, his law letting Floridians carry concealed firearms without a permit, his attempts to squelch free speech on college campuses, and his death-match against the Magic Kingdom will play in those swing states? Why would suburban women who voted for Joe Biden in 2020 vote for Ron DeSantis in 2024?

Great politicians learn from their mistakes and course correct as necessary. DeSantis seems not to understand that going full-speed ahead is a bad idea if you're approaching a cliff.



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Robusta coffee trees are intercropped with other plants on a farm in Vietnam's Lam Dong province. More growers have been adopting intercropping, a farming practice that helps avoid exhausting the land.

Vietnam hedges bets on drought-hardy robusta coffee bean

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parts of the world.

"Arabica is no longer enough to satisfy appetites," Nguyen Nam Hai, chair of Vietnam's Coffee and Cocoa Association, said one recent afternoon in a Ho Chi Minh City neighborhood crowded with trendy coffee shops. "And Vietnamese robusta, everyone knows, is number one in the world."

Much of the pivot to robusta is by necessity. In 2021, a severe frost in Brazil damaged up to 200,000 hectares (494,000 acres) of predominantly arabica coffee crops, leaving behind scars that may take years to heal. Back-to-back hurricanes have battered arabica coffee fields in Honduras, while unpredictable changes in rainfall have devastated coffee farmers in Colombia.

"Climate change has made many issues, mostly for the arabica-producing countries," said Vanúsia Nogueira, executive director of the International Coffee Organization, a London-based intergovernmental association of coffee-producing countries.

Last year, low output from Brazil, the world's biggest producer, helped to drive Vietnamese coffee exports to a record $4 billion, more than 30 percent higher than the year before, according to Vietnamese officials. More than 93 percent of the coffee Vietnam produces is robusta.

The robusta plant isn't insulated from the effects of climate change — it's sensitive to drought, for example — but agronomists generally agree that it has evolved to be more tolerant of temperature fluctuations than arabica. Significant research is being poured into robusta, widely understudied until recently.

In Bao Loc, a quiet agricultural town two hours from the tourist city of Dalat, Vietnamese and European researchers are experimenting with ways to replicate the phenotype of native robusta varieties that have proved exceptionally resilient to pests and heat.

Communities are "preparing," said Toi Nguyen, a local farmer. "Because the future of coffee," he added, "is here."

Using new farming and processing techniques, Nguyen, 48, has produced some of the first robusta coffee accepted by international judges as high-quality. His beans, which he sells for three times the market price of regular robusta, deliver brews with a clean taste and none of the bitter, rubbery flavor that have typically relegated robusta to instant coffee, he said. He's found fans in Vietnam, France and Japan, and is part of a small but buzzy movement to remake the reputation of robusta.





ABOVE LEFT: The ECOM experimental farm in Bao Loc, Vietnam. ABOVE RIGHT: Robusta coffee cherries are seen budding on a tree in Lam Dong province on April 13.

"Vietnam will play a significant role not only in producing robusta but in educating the rest of the world on how to do it."

Sahra Nguyen, founder of Nguyen Coffee Supply

"Vietnam will play a significant role not only in producing robusta but in educating the rest of the world on how to do it," said Sahra Nguyen, the Vietnamese American founder of Nguyen Coffee Supply, which has pushed retailers such as Whole Foods and Blue Bottle Coffee to begin embracing the bean. Farmers and roasters in Vietnam are "the most educated and the most innovative" when it comes to robusta, Nguyen said by phone from Brooklyn. They've refined methods of processing it with natural substances like honey and pioneered ways of fermenting it in oxygen-free conditions to release new flavors.

Producers elsewhere are increasingly interested in learning these techniques, including in Latin America, where countries that have long focused on arabica are beginning to test their ability to grow robusta, said Nogueira of the International Coffee Organization.



Toi Nguyen, seen at his coffee factory in Lam Dong province, sells his high-quality beans for three times the price of regular robusta.

Arabica still has its faithful fans — even in Vietnam, specialty coffee shops largely serve it, and many are proud to say they serve *only* arabica — but "more now, what people are realizing is they will need another option, in addition to the arabica, for the future," said Nogueira, who is Brazilian.

In Bao Loc, this effort has arrived at the stumpy feet of a native variety of robusta that locals call the "green dwarf."

Its technical name is "Truong Son 5" after the farmer who first debuted it at a local pageant for coffee trees. Thick and stocky, it earned its nickname, locals said, because of its stubborn resistance to environmental threats, from parasites to coffee leaf rust, a fungus that has devastated farms in Central America.

The Vietnamese government recently approved TS5 as a specialized variety, worthy of being studied and replicated. And last year, the European Union greenlighted a project with the commodities trader ECOM Agroindustrial to examine how to graft rootstock from TS5 and other hardy varieties onto weaker robusta plants and, potentially, onto other coffee species.

The goal, said lead researcher Thuan Sarzynski, is to create a kind of "super coffee" that withstands all manner of climate threats. Apart from robusta, the project is experimenting with other species of coffee, including liberica, which has deep roots that make it hardy against drought.

Liberica accounts for less than 2 percent of global production but has long been grown in small quantities in this part of Vietnam. Many local farmers have tried on their own to graft robusta onto liberica, and one of the project's aims, Sarzynski said, is to study that process to see if it can produce a drought-resistant, high-yield coffee of the future.

One afternoon under the blazing sun, Nguyen Trung Than bent over a row of TS5 trees, nearly all of a consistent height and size. "Look," said Than, the plants' caretaker, as he held up a dense cluster of coffee cherries just beginning to bud. Come harvesting season, he explained, they would each produce up to 30 kilograms (66 pounds) of coffee cherries, or about twice as much as some other varieties.

Vietnam's central highlands are cooler than the rest of the country, but the start of the summer meant that temperatures were still climbing past 85 degrees. Than wiped his brow.

How did the green dwarves fare under the heat?

"Well," he said, smiling proudly, "they're not scared."

Researchers are confident there are other varieties of robusta in Vietnam with qualities worth studying. But to protect them, experts say, farmers need to stop overtaxing their land in pursuit of more production, a difficult thing to ask in a part of the country that has traditionally lagged in development and poverty reduction.

Decades of intense fertilizer use and monoculture — the cultivation of a single crop to maximize its production — have degraded growing conditions in the central highlands, said Bui Dac Hao, a Vietnamese program manager for IDH, a nonprofit focused on sustainable trade. Coffee distributors are pushing smallholder farmers to cut back on their use of fertilizer and grow other plants — a method called intercropping — to avoid exhausting their land.

In 2018, IDH launched a pilot program in Di Linh, a district bordering Bao Loc, that gave farmers incentives to plant avocado, durian and other fruit trees on their plantations. "It took us a long time to convince them," Hao said, but by last year, the percentage of farmers engaging in intercropping had jumped from 7 to 62 percent.

Organic farming isn't just good for the land; it's good for the bean, said Toi Nguyen, the Bao Loc farmer. For the past five years, Nguyen has been restoring an old, exhausted coffee farm to a more natural state, introducing native trees and letting weeds and vines of black pepper crowd over the trunks of the coffee plants. Farming this way makes stronger robusta and eventually, Nguyen said, tastier coffee.

At his warehouse, he opened a sack of the past season's cherries, colored dark red because, unlike most robusta farmers, he only picks ripened cherries. He scooped a handful to his nose.

"Smells like candy," he said, his eyes crinkling.

The youngest child of rice farmers, Nguyen grew up in poverty and, not too long ago, made his living selling corn by the roadside, he recalled.

His entrance into specialty coffee has been unexpected even to him. But he's just getting started, he said.

"I want to go deeper, higher into quality," Nguyen said, "I want to find the limit."

In a few days, he was set to travel to Portland, Ore., where he would show off his beans at the largest coffee event in North America.

He was nervous about the long flight and about talking to people because he spoke almost no English. But he wasn't nervous at all, he said, about the coffee.

He tapped on his cup, swirling with the final dregs of a fresh brew. It spoke for itself, he said.

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON
Decades ago, anglers in Virginia turned to an Amoco station for snag hooks to catch shad. **B3**



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Woman charged in fatal Rock Creek crash

Suspect in wreck that left three men dead has multiple DUI convictions

BY EMILY DAVIES AND LUZ LAZO

A woman with a history of DUIs has been arrested and charged in connection with a March 15 crash on Rock Creek Parkway that killed a Lyft driver and two men he was taking home from a night out in D.C., according to Park Police and court records.

Nakita Marie Walker, a 43-year-old from Washington, was charged with second-degree murder in the crash, which police have said occurred after she fled a traffic stop in an SUV and crashed into a Lyft. She was previously convicted three separate times of driving under the influence and twice settled in civil cases where she was accused of negligent and careless driving that injured other people, court records show.

In two of the DUI cases, she was sentenced to 15 days of confinement, court records show. In all of them, she faced probation with conditions, including at one point not being allowed to drive unless the vehicle had an ignition interlock.

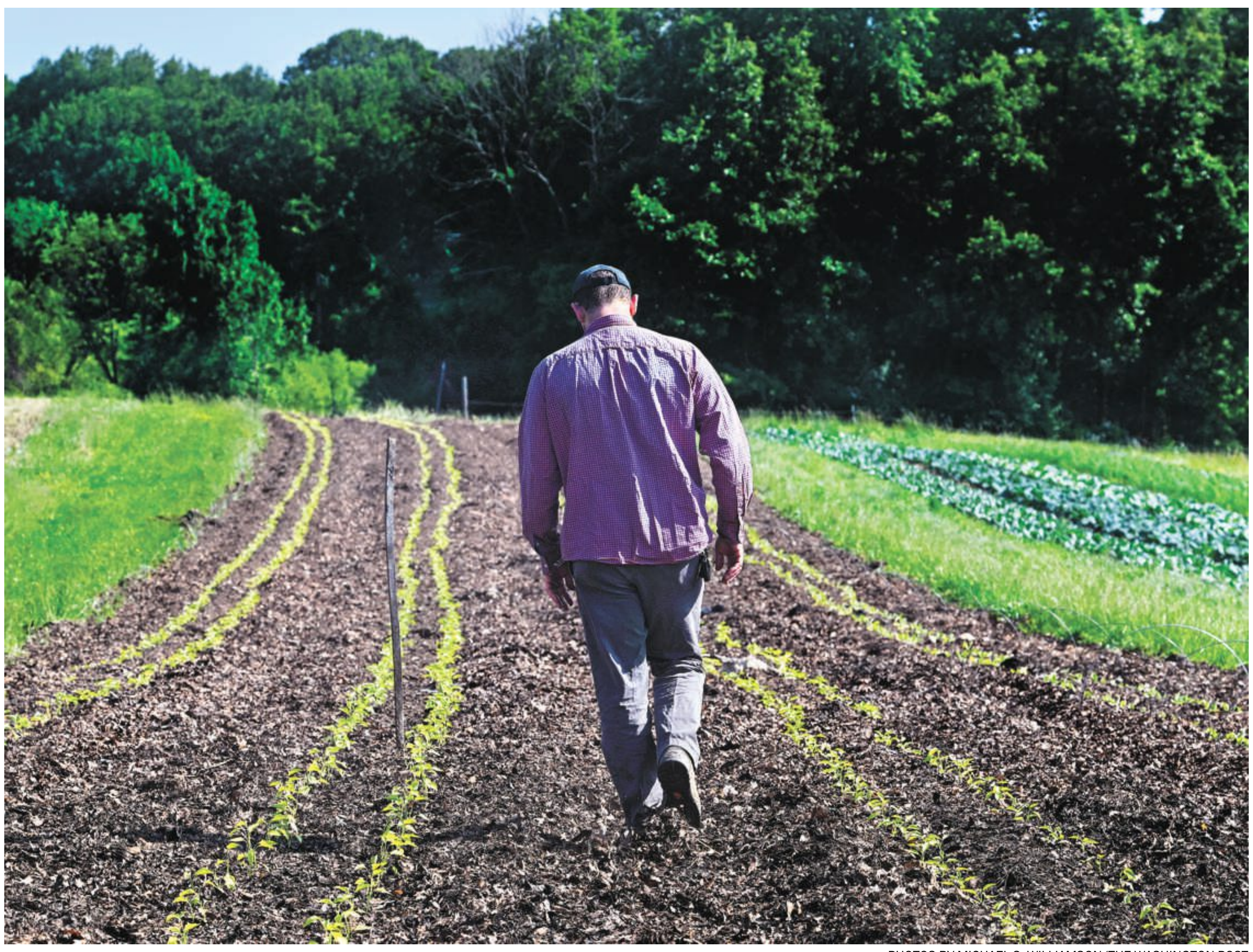
The District's Department of Motor Vehicles would not immediately say whether Walker had a valid driver's license at the time of the crash and whether she had completed required traffic safety programs that came with her criminal cases. Efforts to reach her relatives were not successful. No lawyer could immediately be located for her on the newly filed case.

Families of the victims of the crash — Mohamed Kamara, 42, the Lyft driver, and Olvin Torres Velasquez and Jonathan Cabrera Mendez, the 23-year-olds in his ride-share — had called for authorities to hold Walker accountable. On Monday, some of those relatives said they were relieved to learn of the charge.

"We can't bring him back and all the other folks who lost their lives in that accident," said Mohamed Fofana, 44, Kamara's brother-in-law. "But it's a step toward accountability and making sure that person is held responsible for destroying three family's lives."

Leslie Torres, Torres Velasquez's cousin, said: "It makes me happy and sad at the same

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From the ground up

An innovative food bank program in Md. not only provides fresh produce to the hungry — it also helps the farmers who grow it

BY KYLE SWENSON

The sun was up on Thursday morning and Marc Grossman stood staring with silent concern at rows of planted crops. His farm — 22 acres tucked off a single-lane road in Brookeville, Md. — had a problem. The water well wasn't working.

"We're having to water by hand," Grossman grumbled as he waited for a repair crew to arrive. The lack of water on a day when the temperature would crawl into the 70s wasn't simply a threat to the thousands of pounds of peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and other produce in the ground at Grossman's the Farm at Our House. It was also a reminder of the tight margin of error for a small farm. Any headache — a logistical delay, a restaurant client closing down, no water — can pitch an operation into financial failure.

But the Farm at Our House and a handful of other area farms have

SEE **FOOD BANKS** ON **B6**



TOP: Marc Grossman walks a field at the Farm at Our House near Olney, Md., on May 18. The farm is one of a handful in the area that have recently received support from an unlikely source — food banks. ABOVE: Alexa Landres checks Swiss chard at the farm to see if the plants need watering.

A fake image ignites AI fears

PENTAGON 'BLAST' IS QUICKLY DEBUNKED

Tweet may have sparked brief dip in stock market

BY WILL OREMUS, DREW HARWELL AND TEO ARMUS

On Monday morning, a verified Twitter account called Bloomberg Feed shared an ominous tweet. Beneath the words "Large Explosion near The Pentagon Complex in Washington, D.C. - Initial Report," it showed an image of a huge plume of black smoke next to a vaguely Pentagon-like building.

On closer inspection, the image was a fake, likely generated by artificial intelligence, and the report of an explosion was quickly debunked — though not before it was picked up by large accounts, including the Russian state media organ Russia Today. The tweet may have also briefly moved the stock market, as the Dow Jones Industrial Index dropped 85 points within four minutes, then rebounded just as quickly.

All in all, the hoax — the latest in a string of AI-generated images to fool some social media users — appears to have done little immediate damage. Twitter has since suspended the Bloomberg Feed account, which was not related to the real Bloomberg media organization, and within about 20 minutes, local authorities had debunked the report.

"Just looking at the image itself, that's not the Pentagon," said Nate Hiner, a captain with the fire department in Arlington, where the Pentagon is located. "I have no idea what that building is. There's no building that looks like that in Arlington."

Yet the mechanisms involved, from the image's amplification by large propaganda accounts to the almost instantaneous response from the stock market, suggest the potential for more such mischief if AI tools continue to make inroads in fields such as social media moderation, news writing and stock trading.

And Twitter is looking like an increasingly likely vector, as new owner Elon Musk has gutted its human workforce, laid off a team

SEE **HOAX** ON **B3**

Journey reaffirms bonds of family, given and built



Petula Dvorak

The small table with seven chairs fit perfectly under the canopy of a gnarled paradise apple tree.

One cousin carried ham and radish sandwiches, another followed with the delicate family china and a vanilla cream cake, balancing them across a tiny footbridge over a narrow but swift creek.

"All this trouble for us, you shouldn't, please, can we help, what can we do?" my mom and I both said, in the proper chorus of our people as we've been taught to endlessly protest the fuss they were making over our visit.

We were in Destna, a town of 700 in the South Bohemia region of the Czech Republic, where the Dvoraks were the village blacksmiths for generations.

It was a last-minute trip I eked out when my older son finished finals a little early, knowing my parents would be visiting their hometown that week.

I have been saying yes as often as I can since my mother-in-law

SEE **DVORAK** ON **B2**



PETULA DVORAK/THE WASHINGTON POST

The Dvorak family has gathered on Sundays in the same garden in Destna, Czech Republic, for more than 100 years. Columnist Petula Dvorak brought her older son there this month.

Flaw in whiskey lottery wildly skews results

Dozens win the chance to buy multiple bottles, a highly unlikely outcome

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE

A state-run lottery to give Virginians first dibs on pricey whiskeys suffered from what was likely a human-induced flaw that wildly skewed the results, allowing several lucky participants to win multiple times.

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority Board officials, in an interview and a statement on Monday, acknowledged the "statistically abnormal" results, after several bourbon aficionados had flagged the irregularities following last month's drawing.

How could it be, these bourbon drinkers wondered, that two entrants had won all four bottles in a single drawing of bottles of George T. Stagg Bourbon and other choice whiskeys, and 50 entrants had won three apiece?

Something seemed awry as the winners posted about their good fortune online or discussed it in online chats, said Gus Guimond, 30, a Chantilly resident who belongs to the "DMV Bourbon Drinkers" club on Facebook.

"We started to notice people saying, 'Hey, I won two bottles,'" Guimond, who works in finance, said in an interview. "At first, we're like, 'Oh, that's awesome. You're so lucky.'"

But then it happened again.

And again.

"Now this is starting to get really, really unlikely," Guimond said. "And so that was the biggest red flag."

Guimond said the "Twilight Zone" odds against not just one but several people winning the lottery to buy multiple bottles almost broke his calculator. He figured it to be about 1 in a tredecillion. That's 42 zeros.

"To put that into perspective, the chances of this happening is equivalent to finding a single

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PETULA DVORAK

Bringing my son home, to the country my parents fled, teaches lessons of family

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slipped into a coma last year, plunging the family into a punishing loop of regrets: Why didn't we spend more time together? Why didn't we visit her hometown in New York, to see the beach where she learned to love wave-jumping? The street where she grew up?

Our children are separated from their grandparents on the West Coast, a common condition for a good portion of Washington. We try to get together on holidays and other special occasions. But as everyone gets older, the visits are less frequent and the desire to connect and to preserve any sense of history has become more urgent.

My parents, who left Prague in 1968 to make a life in America, visit the home country and the family they left behind every few years. My kids feast on their stories of the devastation that communism had on our family, my father's mandatory service in the Red Army, of their summers working the fields of their family farms.

"We were on scaffolding, three or four stories up when the rope went loose," my dad would tell the boys, giving them some highlights of his days as a mason in Prague.

"What if they got to see those buildings?" I thought.

It is the inevitable thought process in every immigrant family.

I've been weighing the generational impact of our immigrant story since the boys were born. I took a trip 10 years ago to try to make the connection, but they were 6 and 8. They loved Czech candy, the streetcars and castles, but they weren't old enough to understand the context of their grandparents' story, and the family they left behind.

I knew it was time for a trip back when my younger son watched a friend's sprawling family surround him after a school play.

"Sometimes I wish we had a big family like that here," he said.

It's clearly time to connect my kids to the part of their family across the Atlantic, to let them see the places where my parents lived, why they left, to look into the eyes of people who had something to do with the width of their noses, the curl of their hair.

So we met up with my parents last week. My son walked to their schools, learned the art of tending the family grave (plastic flowers are acceptable).

I interpreted furiously and he answered questions about American high school and ghost pepper potato chips.

We moved on to the deeper roots, to the village where I spent some summers. I remember sitting with my mom on the bank of a country pond, tuning out her stories about the family lore, the cousin who took her own life, her time tending geese in the fields. The country was still under Communist rule. At 17, I was so bored and so glad when we finally left — so I could see my friends Judy and Melanie again. I wish someone had shaken me and told me to listen.

The importance of those connections tugged at me as we sat under the apple tree in Destna, in a garden that has been tended by Dvoraks since 1909. It's almost two hours from Prague and was known for a lemon drink made from the waters of a mineral spring nearby, a state drink that lost its allure when communism fell and Coke and Fanta became available in every corner store.

They're newcomers to the village with a church that was built in the 1200s. But each of the three streets in town has a branch of these Dvoraks.

The family members who've stayed in town assembled the Sunday *svacina* (pronounced svah-chin-ah) — the snack between breakfast and lunch in the garden filled with bluebells and peonies, lilac shrubs and cherry trees.

"Oh, it's not just for you," one of my cousins said. "We do this every Sunday. We take turns, but we always do this."

There is Teta Ruzhe, Aunt Rose, who is 86 and has a Twitter handle. Three more cousins ("Would you believe I'm a grandmother?" says the one who taught me how to inhale a Sparta cigarette when I was 14), my parents and a boyfriend who hovers nearby.

The stories are mostly about Honza's gallbladder surgery and how Ladislav took up yoga after he (finally) quit smoking. The only time anyone touches on politics is when it comes to Ukraine, which feels so close, so frightening, so familiar.

We will always wonder what life would've been like if we had stayed, if the government oppression would be mitigated by the uplift of generations. When Soviet tanks rolled into Prague in 1968, crushing the progressive Prague Spring that allowed my parents to finally travel outside the country's borders, they knew they'd face punishment and an even bleaker future if they returned.

They found work washing dishes and busing tables in Nevada casinos; they bought a car. They struggled, and I felt alone.

What if I'd had a network of relatives to help raise the kids? What if we inherited one of the houses or apartments, if my family didn't begin with nothing more than the contents of a suitcase?

"But Mom," my eldest said, balancing a cup of Turkish coffee as his chair wobbled on the soft ground. "We kind of do this with Kathy's family, too."

And he was right.

In a search that took us across an ocean, then through fields and hills and kilometers of small villages, to connect with the family we lost, my son reminded me of the loving, supportive family we have sewn together in D.C., a region heavy on people who come from somewhere else.

My younger son had 10 people at that play of his, a family bonded by love and partnership, rather than genetics. They have "Uncles" Mark and Matt and Chris, "aunties" and "cousins" who show up not because they have to, but because they want to. Who gather on Sundays over bagels or huevos rancheros to talk about work, Gretchen's job, Luke's schoolmates, Claudia's aunt's illness.

We left the Czech Republic able to see ourselves more clearly: our love of beer; the wide blacksmith hands my son inherited; the bravery it took for my parents to start fresh, by themselves.

We're returning with a renewed gratitude, for all the *svacinas* and for family, given and built.





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ABOVE: Petula Dvorak's father, Josef Dvorak, shows his grandson the walls he worked on as a mason in Prague in the 1960s.

LEFT: The columnist's family visits the Church of St. Otto during a recent trip to the Czech Republic.

WEATHER

D.C. skies tinged with smoke from Canadian fires

BY MARTIN WEIL

Reports of fires in far off regions of the Canadian woods reached Washington on Monday on the wings of the wind.

Specialists linked the wildfires miles to the northwest to the haze that tinged skies in the D.C. region Monday, adding a thin and pale brown tint to the more typical blue.

At sundown, it seemed as if a rusty curtain stretched across the western sky, filtering and skewing the normal hues of late evening.

Meteorologists indicated that we were not alone, with haze invading much of the United States, from Minnesota to Manhattan, and from Colorado to the Atlantic Coast.

At a time when new forms of communication create instant communities, the smoke seemed a quaintly old-fashioned means of signaling, but it carried the same story of fire and flame to tens of millions of people all over America.

It arrived here on a warm May day, with a high temperature in Washington of 82 degrees. That was four degrees above average for May 22, a date just 30 days away from June 21 and the solstice that initiates summer.

Flaw in Va. liquor lottery skews results

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atom in our entire solar system," Guimond wrote in an email last week to the ABC.

In the interview, Guimond said records obtained under Virginia's freedom of information law detailing its methods suggest that something had inadvertently gone wrong in the agency's process of assigning each entrant a number in a spreadsheet and manually helping to randomize the entries — a supposition supported by the ABC's review, too, a spokesman said.

"Virginia ABC has found no evidence of inappropriate administration of the lottery drawing, or intentional manipulation by staff or customers," the ABC said in a statement. "Drawings were witnessed by a member of the authority's internal audit division. A subsequent review by Internal Audit identified an issue in the sorting of the lottery entry data in our software. The manner in which the entries were sorted contributed to the statistically abnormal results."

The ABC's liquor lottery is intended to give Virginia residents a shot at buying liquors for a reasonable price that, on the open market, sometimes go for exorbitant sums. A fifth of George T. Stagg bourbon, which has been aged 15 years and retails in Virginia ABC stores for $99.99, can sell for as much as $1,482 elsewhere.



RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST

Dozens of participants in April's liquor lottery in Virginia won the chance to buy multiple bottles, a highly unlikely outcome.

In addition to the Stagg bourbon, the ABC's April lottery gave people a chance to buy Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye; William Larue Weller Bourbon; and Sazerac Rye, which is aged 18 years. All retail at the Virginia ABC for $99.99 per bottle. Previous lotteries included liquors such as the Buffalo Trace Antique Collection.

The ABC broke down the entries and the apparent odds as follows:

- 37,485 entries for 770 bottles of the George T. Stagg Bourbon, or a roughly 1 in 49 chance of winning;
- 35,828 entries for 286 bottles of Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye, or a 1 in 125 chance of winning;
- 37,416 entries for 209 bottles of William Larue Weller Bourbon, or a 1 in 179 chance of winning;
- and 35,492 entries for 48 bottles of the Sazerac Rye 18 Year Old, or a 1 in 739 chance of winning.

ABC spokesman Pat Kane said additional steps had been added to the lottery's procedures to try to remove any chance for error. He also said the agency was testing an electronic lottery system in its Management of Inventory and Product Sales system, to further reduce the possibility for introducing human error.

The electronic system already is in use for a parallel lottery among Virginia ABC licensees, such as bars and restaurants, that is intended to distribute prized liquors fairly, Kane said.

MARYLAND

Suspected drunk driver hits state trooper's SUV

BY DAN MORSE

A suspected drunk driver slammed into the back of a marked Maryland state trooper car early Monday morning in a crash that hospitalized both men, officials said.

The trooper was seated inside his parked SUV along the Capital Beltway near University Boulevard East in Montgomery County, helping with traffic control at a construction zone. He had emergency lights activated. The zone was also marked by a large, flashing yellow arrow, according to officials, and big orange barrels.

"I don't know what more we could have done to warn drivers," said Elena Russo, a spokeswoman for the Maryland State Police. "He didn't heed all the signals that this was a construction zone."

The trooper and motorist were both released from the hospital later on Monday, she said.

About 4:30 a.m. Monday, troopers, local police and medics were called about the wreck. They determined that a 31-year-old Washington. D.C., man, struck the trooper's vehicle from behind while driving a white Mercedes SUV. The driver was taken to Suburban Hospital, officials said. The trooper was taken by ambulance to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Based on initial findings, the driver was suspected of being impaired, possibly speeding, and not mindful of construction zone hazards.

"It was sort of a recipe for disaster," Russo said.

Any charges against the driver, she said, are pending the final outcome of the investigation and a review with the Montgomery State's Attorney's Office.

For now, the driver's general actions seemed to have gone squarely against the messages of construction zone safety so often made by highway and police officials.

"It's so important to slow down and stay alert to ensure the safety of all those who are working in and around these construction zones," said Russo.

The collision caused major traffic backups on the Beltway as several lanes were closed.

Dana Hedgpeth contributed to this report.

Subscriber Exclusives
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Good for the soul: Free tickets to
The Altons and Thee Sinseers on June 17 at 9:30 Club

The Altons are a soul rock five-top with a knack for Latin-inspired flavors and rhythms. Band members include Gabriel Maldonado, Carlos Canovas, Bryan Ponce, Joseph Quinones, and Adriana Flores. Together they deliver an energetic sound. "As one of the most popular groups on today's So-Cal soul scene, Thee Sinseers need little introduction. Their performance of *Seems Like* live at the Recordium went viral… making them 'thee' in-demand group for souldies parties up and down the coast" (penroserecordings.com).

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.

Snagging memories of a decades-old shad run



John Kelly's Washington

More than 70 years ago, a 14-year-old **Jim Fearson** took an after-school job at a little gas station on the Virginia side of Chain Bridge. Each spring, the river below would fill with shad on their annual breeding migration. And each spring, the gas station would fill with anglers buying supplies to catch them.

Jim contacted me after reading my recent column on the Nungesser shad spoon, a fishing lure invented by Washingtonian **Bob Nungesser** to catch shad. It's still being made today.

When I was researching that column, I came across newspaper articles on how unique the spoon was. It was a lure designed to imitate a tiny bait fish, enticing a hungry shad to chase it and take it into its mouth.

But for decades — centuries? — that's not how shad were caught in rivers such as the Potomac. Often, nets were used. But what the anglers who came into the Amoco gas station wanted were snag hooks.

"I sold the snag hooks in different sizes," Jim told me. "Some had one or two barbs. Some were like a grappling hook." These had three hooks that curved up along a central shaft.



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Shad on ice in D.C. in 1942. For decades, anglers used snag hooks to pull in shad during their annual migration in the Potomac River.

The hooks, weighted with lead, would be thrown into the river and reeled in. They were true to their name, snagging shad indiscriminately.

"Fishermen would come up sometimes with two or three or more shad on one hook," Jim said. "They'd fill up garbage cans and bushel baskets. I can't even estimate how many fish were in that river."

Said Jim: "It wasn't a sport-fishing thing. It was a fill-my-larder kind of thing. When the herring and the shad were running, virtually mobs of people came down there to fish. They were there after food. They weren't there for sport."

Jim said he'd sell hundreds of snag hooks every season. The gas station also did a brisk business in soft drinks and homemade sandwiches wrapped in wax paper.

When it became dark, Jim could look down from the ledge upon which the gas station sat and see fires glowing along both sides of the riverbank below.

"I guess people built fires to keep warm," he said. "Fishing went on 24 hours a day. There were cars with Maryland tags, cars with Pennsylvania tags — just a lot of people. It was a whole different time."

It wasn't just the fishing that was different in 1950. Back then, Jim hitchhiked to work from Arlington, where his mother was a telephone operator and his father a pipe-coverer. (A pipe-coverer? "They covered steam pipes and hot water pipes with asbestos coating," Jim said. "Just about everybody died of lung cancer. My dad did not. My grandfather did and all my uncles did.")

Jim turned his after-school job at the Amoco station into a regular job throughout high school.

"It was just a teeny old gas station with two or three pumps," he said. "It was my job to pump gas. I had to wash the windshield, check the water in the battery, check the oil and, if asked, check the tire pressure. If I didn't wash the windshield and they complained about it, the cost of their gas was free and it came out of my salary."

As for engine oil, it wasn't sold in cans but in glass jars that Jim had to fill from barrels behind the station, each full of a different grade of oil.

Jim went on to a career with C&P Telephone. Now 87, he lives in Oak Hill, Va. I asked him whether his experience with the annual shad run inspired him to become an angler.

"No," he said. "It smelled. The people fishing, when they would come up with those buckets of fish, they smelled so bad. They would just throw their stuff in the back seat of their cars and off they'd go. That cured me of fishing."

Fake tweet of Pentagon blast goes viral

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that used to fact-check viral trends, and changed account verification from a manual authentication process to one that's largely automated and pay-for-play. The signature blue badges once indicated authority for public figures, large organizations, celebrities and others at risk of impersonation. Now, Twitter awards them to any one willing to pay $8 a month and confirm their phone number.

Twitter did not respond to a request for comment.

With experts predicting that AI will impact millions of human jobs, the concern becomes not just whether AI-generated misinformation might mislead people, but whether it might mislead its fellow automated systems.

"This isn't an AI issue, per se," said Renée DiResta, research manager at Stanford Internet Observatory and an expert on how misinformation circulates. "Anyone with Photoshop experience could have made that image — ironically, could probably have done it better. But it's a look at how signals that help people decide whether information about breaking news is trustworthy on Twitter have been rendered useless, just as the capacity to create high-resolution unreality has been made available to everyone."

Verified accounts share post

One of the first accounts to post about the fake event was a verified account called OSINTdefender, which tweeted the report of the explosion, along with the bogus image, to its 336,000 followers at 10:04 a.m. The building in the photograph looks little like the Pentagon, but it bears some of the hallmarks of being AI-generated. The tweet has been deleted.

Reached via Twitter, the owner of the OSINTDefender account said they had first heard the report on the social platform Discord a few minutes earlier from a user who goes by the handle "Walter Bloomberg." They said the image came from the Facebook page, since deleted, of a person who claimed to work in Arlington.

In the next few minutes, other large accounts posted similarly worded false reports on Twitter, including Walter Bloomberg, who goes by the same handle on both platforms. His 10:06 a.m. tweet garnered at least 730,000 views.

Many of the accounts that reshared it pose as aggregators of financial news, including a 386,000-follower account with the handle @financialjuice, named "Breaking Market News," and another account called "Bloomberg Feed" that is unrelated to the real Bloomberg.

Some of the accounts had blue "verified" check marks, while legitimate organizations that shared the truth did not. The official account for the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, which polices the Pentagon, doesn't pay for a blue check mark, and Twitter has not given it a gray check mark indicating it's a verified institution. The agency retweeted a local law-enforcement message saying there was "NO explosion" at 10:27 a.m.; the tweet had only 78,000 views as of 4 p.m.



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Visitors at the Air Force Memorial look at the Pentagon on Monday after a hoax about an explosion.

Local authorities scramble

Hiner, the Arlington fire captain who handles the Northern Virginia department's emergency communications, said it took about five minutes for him to realize the reports on Twitter were fake.

At 10:10 a.m., Hiner was in a meeting when he got the first call. He stepped out of the meeting to investigate.

The first sign something was off? He had not received any alerts from the department's emergency software, First Due, which monitors dispatch and sends him a push notification when first responders are sent out for major incidents like fires.

Next, he checked his mobile data terminal — essentially a laptop that lists every active 911 incident in Arlington — and found no sign of anything going on near the Pentagon.

"There were no medical calls, no fire calls, no incidents whatsoever," he said.

That's when he finally pulled up social media himself, expecting to see some eyewitness accounts on Twitter. But again, there was nothing. All he saw was the doctored photo of the explosion.

At that point, he reached out to spokesmen at the Defense Department and at the Pentagon Force Protection Agency. By 10:27 a.m., he'd posted on the Arlington fire department's Twitter account that the reports were false.

"There is NO explosion or incident taking place at or near the Pentagon reservation," the tweet said, "and there is no immediate danger or hazards to the public."

Hiner said that he sometimes receives odd inquiries from Arlington residents after seeing a firetruck in their neighborhood or gets misguided calls based on scanner traffic. But he cannot recall another time, he said, "in which an emergency incident was being reported on social media that was just 100 percent inaccurate."

New twist on an old problem

From Photoshopped images of a shark on a highway during Hurricane Sandy to false reports of celebrity deaths, viral lies are nothing new on Twitter. Generative AI tools, from chatbots such as ChatGPT that can pen fake news stories to AI art tools such as Midjourney and Stable Diffusion, are only the newest tools in the hoaxsters' kit. They've been used in recent months to create other viral images, including one that appeared to show Donald Trump getting arrested and another depicting Pope Francis making a fashion statement.

For the most part, mainstream media outlets have successfully refuted the misinformation, and the world has marched on as before. Still, some hoaxes have wrought chaos, to varying degrees. In 2013, a fake tweet about an attack on the White House touched off a quick drop in financial markets.

Over time, social media users and the news media have learned to turn a skeptical eye on viral reports, especially from unverified sources. But Twitter's new verification system means that the blue check mark, once a visual shortcut that conveyed a modicum of authority on an account, no longer serves that function.

Sam Gregory, the executive director of the human rights organization Witness, whose group has studied fake images and disinformation, said the Pentagon explosion image tweeted Monday carries multiple hallmarks of a fake, including visual glitches and an inaccurate view of the Pentagon. The challenge with such fakes, Gregory said, is the speed with which they can blast across the internet.

"These circulate rapidly, and the ability to do that fact-check or debunk or verification at an institutional level moves slower and doesn't reach the same people," he said.

Though the image may be obviously fake to some, the fact that it was attached to an authoritative-sounding claim made it that much more likely to gain attention, Gregory added.

"The way people are exposed to these shallow fakes, it doesn't require something to look exactly like something else for it to get attention," he said. "People will readily take and share things that don't look exactly right but feel right."

As for why the fakes were shared, it's unclear. Some fakes have been shared to score political points, while others have been used to troll or build an audience that the account may hope to monetize.

"Sometimes they're doing it maliciously, or sometimes they're just doing it to get a lot of views," he said. "You can get a lot of audience very quickly from this, and that is a powerful drug."

Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey (D) said local governments like Arlington's face an increasingly steep challenge in responding to misinformation as AI makes it easier to rapidly generate plausible fakes. He said officials try to guide residents to follow local authorities on Twitter and turn to them for reliable information rather than "some random Twitter handle." Arlington County, and its police and fire/EMS departments are all verified with a "silver check" on Twitter, indicating that they're government-run accounts.

But he recognizes that may not be enough.

"Our number of followers pales in comparison to some of the most popular social media accounts out there. You always run the risk that they're not going to penetrate as deeply," Dorsey said. But "absent any magic bullet, where these platforms ensure only the best truthful information is relayed, I think it's the best we can do."

Jeremy Merrill and Faiz Siddiqui contributed to this report.

MARYLAND

Medical center to open in Laurel next month

Facility will provide outpatient mental health care and emergency care

BY ANGELA ROBERTS

A new medical center is poised to open early next month to serve Laurel's 30,000-some residents and their neighbors with emergency, preventive and behavioral health care, as well as some specialty procedures, but only on an outpatient basis.

The new University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center, which features 20 emergency department treatment bays, two operating rooms, 10 adult observation short-stay beds, a helipad and two procedure rooms throughout its two floors, will start seeing patients June 4.

Construction started on the 83,742-square-foot facility in March 2021. The approximately $70 million project will replace the old Laurel Medical Center, what's left of the former hospital that then-owner Dimensions Healthcare System decided in 2015 to close after more than four decades in service. Dimensions blamed declining revenue and patient demand for the decision to close the 236-bed hospital.

The University of Maryland Medical System acquired Dimensions Healthcare and its hospitals in 2017.

UMMS followed through on Dimensions' plan to convert the Laurel hospital to outpatient care in 2019, but reopened the facility for a time early in the coronavirus pandemic to provide extra beds for an expected surge in patients.

The former Laurel hospital building is slated to be demolished as part of larger development plans for the health care campus, said Jania Matthews, a spokesperson for University of Maryland Capital Region Health.

The center's emergency department sees around 21,600 patients per year, a volume that's expected to increase by about 15 percent, Matthews said. There are about 1,200 surgical cases yearly, she said.

The former hospital stopped offering inpatient services in 2019, becoming a medical center that instead focuses on outpatient services. The new facility will continue that focus with a "heavy emphasis" on wellness and preventive care when it opens, according to an informational pamphlet provided by Matthews.

Surgeons will perform minimally invasive surgical procedures at the new center that allow patients to go home the same day and have faster recoveries, the pamphlet said. The center will provide general surgeries, as well as procedures for breast cancer treatment and reconstruction, gynecology, podiatry, urology and orthopedics and sports medicine.

The emergency department, which includes four behavioral health treatment bays, will offer imaging services, respiratory care, short-stay observation, diagnostic services and a pharmacy.

The new center also will provide outpatient care for common conditions including anxiety, depression and trauma, as well as psychotic and bipolar disorders. People experiencing a mental health crisis will be able to get help through two behavioral health programs: a partial hospitalization program and an intensive outpatient program.

The Wound Center at the Laurel Medical Center will remain open, and health care providers will continue providing traditional healing therapies, as well as more advanced ones using a hyperbaric chamber.

— Baltimore Sun

Suspect in fatal wreck had previous DUIs

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time, because I know that it won't bring him back but at least justice is being done, which is what we want."

Torres accompanied her cousin's body to his hometown in Honduras to deliver it to his mother. She said the family buried him in April, and that for weeks they had been seeking answers about why it took so long to file charges.

"When that mother saw her son arrive in a coffin, it was the worst moment of her life," Torres, 27, said. "It was the saddest thing to see her burying her son. What she demands is justice. Yes, that is what we all demand. Justice. Let that person pay for what they did."

The deadly crash occurred in the wee morning hours. Torres Velasquez and his friend Cabrera had called a Lyft home from D.C. after a late dinner, relatives said. Kamara, who was working extra hours to save up for his first trip to see his wife and daughter in Sierra Leone, had picked them up in his Honda.

Around 1:30 a.m., U.S. Park Police tried to stop Walker for a speeding violation, the department previously said. She fled in an SUV and, according to authorities, collided with Kamara's sedan — killing all three people inside.

Park Police previously said a man and a woman were inside the SUV and transported to a hospital with injuries that were initially believed to be life-threatening. Both survived.

At the time, the SUV Walker drove had more than 40 outstanding traffic tickets with fines that totaled $12,300. It was unclear Monday afternoon whether the SUV belonged to her. Police have not said whether alcohol played a role in the crash.

The SUV was far from the only vehicle in the region to rack up significant unpaid fines. According to data from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, more than 2,100 vehicles in D.C. had at least 40 outstanding tickets, and about 1,200 cars were linked to fines exceeding $20,000 over the past five years. In all, more than 6.2 million traffic tickets totaling nearly $1.3 billion in fines and penalties had not been paid to D.C. since Jan. 1, 2000. A city council member has since called a roundtable, scheduled for Tuesday, to discuss frequent offenders on the roads.

Under D.C. law, speeding violations captured by a traffic cameras mean the owner of the vehicle can rack up fines, but the ticket is not tied to a particular driver. A person's license can be revoked for driving recklessly, under the influence or other major moving violations.

Court records show Walker has a history of driving offenses dating back more than a decade. In 2010, she was charged with driving without a license. That case was dropped. Five years later, Walker was charged with driving under the influence. She was convicted after a trial in 2016 and given 15 days confinement and a year of probation.

In 2018, a man brought a civil suit against her in regards to a crash two years earlier. That case settled.

Later in 2018, a police officer found Walker asleep at the wheel at a traffic light on Sumner Road in Southeast D.C., court documents alleged. She was charged with DUI and ultimately pleaded guilty and was given 15 days confinement and three years of probation. She was also ordered to complete drug and alcohol treatment and testing and ordered to use an ignition interlock device when she drove.

In 2020, a police officer found Walker asleep at the wheel on the shoulder in the Third Street Tunnel and charged her with another DUI. She pleaded guilty, and in April 2022, a judge gave her a suspended sentence and 18 months of probation.

In 2021, a woman brought a civil suit against Walker for a 2018 crash — accusing her of backing her car into her and fleeing the scene. That case also settled.

Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), who chairs the council's transportation committee and has called for a "larger conversation" around enforcement of reckless driving, said the crash and the suspect's driving record shows a breakdown in the government's ability to go after dangerous drivers.

"It's abundantly clear that the enforcement tools that we have clearly failed here," said Allen, who is holding a roundtable discussion Tuesday focused on enforcement strategies to keep dangerous drivers off the roads. "This person should have lost their ability to drive. The sheer number of dangerous reckless driving, plus the DUIs, this is not somebody who should be able to drive on our streets. Period."

OBITUARIES

C. BOYDEN GRAY, 80

White House counsel to George H.W. Bush was influential judicial strategist

BY LUZ LAZO

C. Boyden Gray, a patrician conservative lawyer who served as White House counsel to President George H.W. Bush and was influential in shepherding Republican judicial and Justice Department nominees as a strategist and fundraiser, died overnight on May 20 or 21 at his home in Washington. He was 80.

The cause was a heart ailment, said his son-in-law, Nick Summers.

Raised in a North Carolina family steeped in a fortune from banking and tobacco money and communications holdings, Mr. Gray cut a formidable swath in Washington legal and political circles. A lanky 6-foot-6 with thick brows and a reputed inattention to ironing his dress clothes or mending worn shoes, he developed a reputation as a meticulous lawyer and policy maven with workaholic tendencies.

He had been a clerk for Chief Justice Earl Warren, then a leading corporate antitrust lawyer before switching from his family's ancestral home in the Democratic Party to the Republican side of the aisle. He was swept into the orbit of the incoming Ronald Reagan administration in 1980.

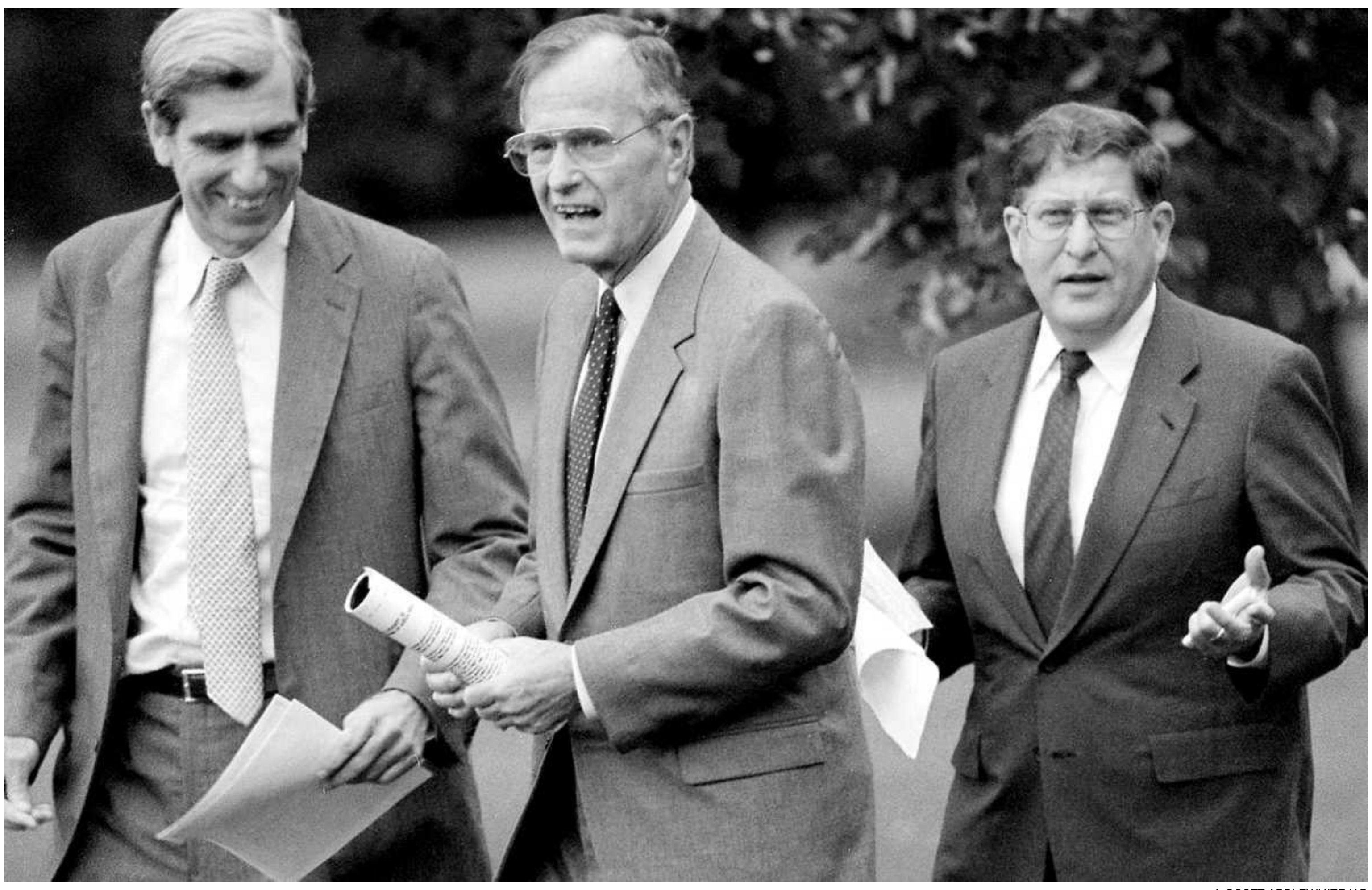
He bonded most closely with Vice President-elect Bush, with whom he shared an Ivy League pedigree and overlapping social connections. Both belonged to the Alibi Club, one of the most exclusive and secretive groups in Washington. Their fathers had once been golfing partners.

Mr. Gray became Bush's counsel and deputy chief of staff and mostly was known for his work overseeing day-to-day operations of the presidential task force recommending the slashing of government regulations on trade, energy, agriculture, automobiles, prescription drugs, banking, and the environment.

Because of Mr. Gray's corporate background, his work on the task force was greeted with immense skepticism from consumer advocates. He was persuaded, however, not to weaken disability-related regulations.

Mr. Gray was legal counsel on Bush's presidential campaign in 1988 and was rewarded with the position of White House counsel after Bush defeated Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts governor.

His initial transition into the job was complicated by political missteps. In addition to providing legal advice to the president and the White House staff, one of the major functions of chief counsel was overseeing strict ethics compliance with rules directed at the executive branch.



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray, left, walks across the South Lawn with President George H.W. Bush and chief of staff John Sununu in October 1991. Mr. Gray, who died this weekend, had a reputation as a meticulous lawyer and policy maven.

He drew criticism for remaining on the board of his family's communications company during his years working for the vice president and also for being slow to place his vast wealth into a blind trust. While not technically required of someone on the vice president's staff, it was an easy point of political attack against the new Bush administration for someone charged with policing ethics rules.

Mr. Gray was also said to have given his approval to the nomination of John G. Tower as defense secretary, despite the former Texas senator's long-standing reputation as a womanizing alcoholic and his close relations with defense contractors. The defeat of the nomination in the Senate, less than two months into the new administration, marked the first time in decades that a president had been denied a Cabinet choice. (Tower was killed in a plane crash in 1991.)

On palpable display within the White House were growing tensions with Secretary of State James A. Baker III, long one of Bush's most intimate advisers. As his own portfolio of holdings drew scrutiny — he resigned as chairman of a family corporation — Mr. Gray reportedly leaked to the media that Baker had ample stock in a bank holding loans to developing countries, which could be a potential conflict of interest. Baker soon unloaded his stock.

The Baker-Gray rift never fully healed, and Bush continued to express faith in both men. Mr. Gray continued as chief counsel and helped negotiate amendments to the Clean Air Act in 1990. Three years later, he returned to a partnership at his longtime white-shoe firm, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, to continued work in regulatory law and as a lobbyist for major corporate clients such as Microsoft.

President George W. Bush, the son of his political mentor, named Mr. Gray to a recess appointment as ambassador to the European Union in 2006. After almost two years in the position, Mr. Gray finished out the Bush administration's second term, first as special envoy for European affairs and then special envoy for Eurasian energy.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gray was especially active in right-wing political organizations such as FreedomWorks, which seeks lower taxes and less regulation, and the Federalist Society, a networking group for conservative lawyers. He also helped to start the Committee for Justice, a nonprofit that screens judicial and Justice Department nominees.

He became involved in the judicial nomination fight early in the George W. Bush administration when Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) grew irate after Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2002 blocked a conservative Mississippi trial judge, Charles W. Pickering Sr., from a seat on a federal appeals court. Like Lott, Mr. Gray was furious about filibustering of federal judgeship nominations and worked to end the process.

Although executives and corporations had long sought to avoid entanglement in legal confirmations, Mr. Gray persuaded the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and others to open their coffers in nomination battles because the political flavor of the nominee might affect the outcome of costly class-action lawsuits. Mr. Gray got George H.W. Bush to host a cocktail party at his Houston home that hauled in $250,000 for the cause, The Washington Post reported.

The Committee for Justice took a page from liberal interest groups like People for the American Way in its extensive outreach effort to journalists and activists. To address Democratic opposition in the Senate to the 2005 federal appeals court nomination of William H. Pryor Jr., who was known for his harsh views on abortion and gay rights, the Committee for Justice took out a newspaper advertisement claiming "Catholics Need Not Apply" for court appointments.

"Boyden Gray has always represented well the interests of the Bush family and the corporate community," Ralph G. Neas, then president of People for the American Way, told The Post in 2005. "But with each passing year, he seems more like a Lee Atwater political type than a former White House counsel," he added, referring to the scorched-earth GOP operative.

As the White House's top lawyer, he oversaw one of the ugliest confirmation fights ever — for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He was a key backer of Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court in 2017.

Clayland Boyden Gray, the third of four brothers, was born in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Feb. 6, 1943. He dropped the first name, he later said, because he did not want to be called "Clay Gray."

His paternal great-grandfather was chief executive of what became Wachovia Bank. His paternal grandfather was chief executive of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. His father was president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and oversaw the family's newspaper holdings, including two dailies in Winston-Salem, and broadcast outlets in Georgia.

A conservative southern Democrat, Mr. Gray's father also spent decades in Washington advising the Truman to Ford administrations on national security, defense and foreign intelligence matters.

The younger Mr. Gray described a largely solitary upbringing, a loneliness he attributed to his father's frequent absence and his mother's death when he was 10. He was sent away to St. Mark's, a boarding school in Southborough, Mass., where he said he was "odd man out" as one of the few Southerners on campus.

At Harvard University, despite membership in elite societies and work on the college newspaper, he said he continued to feel ill at ease as a conservative Southerner. He mostly focused on his schoolwork, graduating magna cum laude in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in history.

Following a stint in the Marine Corps, he enrolled at the University of North Carolina law school and became editor in chief of the law review. He finished first in his class in 1968, and parlayed a clerkship for Warren into a fledgling career at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.

Partner Lloyd N. Cutler became his mentor at the firm, which cultivated trade associations for cars, chemicals and pharmaceuticals among its blue-chip clientele. Mr. Gray became a specialist in antitrust litigation and regulatory law and advanced rapidly to partner.

His marriage to Carol Taylor ended in divorce. Survivors include his daughter, Eliza Gray of Brooklyn; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Gray left Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now WilmerHale) in 2005, after 25 years with the firm, and founded Boyden Gray & Associates, a firm that represents energy companies and other clients with interests in securities regulation.

A longtime advocate for alternate fuels, Mr. Gray once drove a methanol-powered Chevrolet to make his point. He was also passionate about tennis and was a regular partner of the late Katharine Graham, former chairman of The Washington Post Co.

Although many considered Gray one of the president's most important advisers, he once said he only had a role in policy when complex legal issues were involved.

"This can be so technical, so esoteric, I'm called in as the translator," he said.

OWEN DAVIDSON, 79

Australian master of doubles tennis earned 8 titles with Billie Jean King



OPPERFOTO VIA GETTY IMAGES

Owen Davidson and Billie Jean King hold the mixed doubles trophy at Wimbledon in July 1973. Mr. Davidson, who died this month, was one of the most dominant doubles players of the 1960s and '70s.

BY HARRISON SMITH

Owen Davidson, an Australian tennis player who won 13 Grand Slam doubles titles, including eight with Billie Jean King, while establishing himself among the most accomplished mixed doubles players in history, died May 12 at a care center in Conroe, Texas. He was 79.

The cause was cancer, said Isabel Suliga, his longtime friend and caretaker. Mr. Davidson lived nearby in the Woodlands, a planned community north of Houston.

Equipped with a graceful volley, powerful overhand and devastating left-handed serve, Mr. Davidson emerged as one of the most dominant doubles players of the 1960s and early '70s. While he never advanced past the semifinals of a major singles tournament, he won two Grand Slam titles in men's doubles and 11 in mixed doubles, more than any player but Doris Hart (who had 15 major titles in mixed doubles) and Margaret Court (who notched 21).

Mr. Davidson, who was known as "Davo," was part of a generation of powerhouse Australian players that included fellow Hall of Famers Roy Emerson, Rod Laver, John Newcombe, Ken Rosewall and Fred Stolle.

But he remained best known for his partnership with an American, King, who won 39 major titles and became a pioneer for gender equality in tennis. In her 2021 autobiography, "All In," King recalled that she traveled to Australia to play with Mr. Davidson and his countrymen in part because they "were open-minded about female accomplishment and didn't mind training with me," unlike most American men.

When they first started training together, practicing in Melbourne in 1964 in a two-on-one drill with Emerson, Mr. Davidson "sent me around the court like a pinball," she wrote. "After five minutes I thought I was going to collapse — and that was just the first day.

"I've always said the Australian men made me No. 1," she continued, "and those sessions were an important part of it."

Mr. Davidson and King were virtually unstoppable, losing in the finals of a Grand Slam tournament only once, against Françoise Dürr and Jean-Claude Barclay at the 1968 French Open.

In all, they won one French championship, three U.S. titles and four trophies at Wimbledon, where their title victories included an epic 1971 triumph over Court and Riessen, 3-6, 6-2, 15-13.

"We'd been out there a long time," King recalled in an interview with the International Tennis Hall of Fame, "and at 13-all, I said to him, 'Owen, let's get out of here.' And so we did," winning the next two games.

"How we got out of that one I'll never know," Tennis magazine quoted Mr. Davidson as saying.

In 1967, Mr. Davidson became only the third player to ever win a calendar-year Grand Slam in mixed doubles. He took the Australian title with Lesley Turner, a fellow Aussie, before partnering with King to sweep the French, Wimbledon and U.S. championships.

The thought of a calendar-year Slam never crossed his mind, he said, until tennis journalist Bud Collins walked up to him before the U.S. final at Forest Hills and told him he needed just one more match. "I got a little nervous," Mr. Davidson recalled decades later, telling the Houston Chronicle that he didn't talk to King about the achievement until they finished dispatching Rosie Casals and Stan Smith, 6-3, 6-2.

On a drizzly April day in 1968, Mr. Davidson was written into the tennis history books one more time when he defeated John Clifton, a British amateur, in the opening round of the British Hard Court Championships at the West Hants Club in Bournemouth. It was the first match of the Open Era, in which professionals are allowed to compete alongside amateurs, and inaugurated a new age for the sport that Mr. Davidson had played ever since he was 10, joining his father on trips to tennis courts near their home in Melbourne.

"I was kind of hanging around," he recalled, "and when they weren't playing, I would wander onto the courts and start hitting balls around. It turned out to be my sport."

The older of two sons, Owen Keir Davidson was born in Melbourne on Oct. 4, 1943. He honed his game while working with Mervyn Rose and Harry Hopman, the longtime coach of Australia's Davis Cup team, and won his first major championship in 1965, when he and Robyn Ebbern shared the Australian mixed doubles title with Newcombe and Court in a year that the final wasn't played.

In 1966, he partnered with Donna Floyd Fales to win the mixed doubles title at the U.S. Championships. At Wimbledon, he upset the two-time defending champion Emerson, who slipped on the court and tore ligaments in his shoulder, to set up a semifinals match against Manuel Santana, the eventual champion.

Mr. Davidson was self-deprecating about his success in the tournament, noting that it came against an injured opponent. When a radio interviewer asked him before the semifinals, "Just who is Owen Davidson?" he replied, "Certainly nobody special." Then he took Santana to five sets, playing what he described at the time as "the best competitive tennis of my life."

In 1972, he won his first Grand Slam title in men's doubles, partnering with Rosewall at the Australian Open, and nearly won his second before he and Newcombe fell in the finals of the U.S. Open against Cliff Drysdale and Roger Taylor. Mr. Davidson and Newcombe broke through the next year, winning a dramatic U.S. Open final over Laver and Rosewall, their boyhood idols, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5.

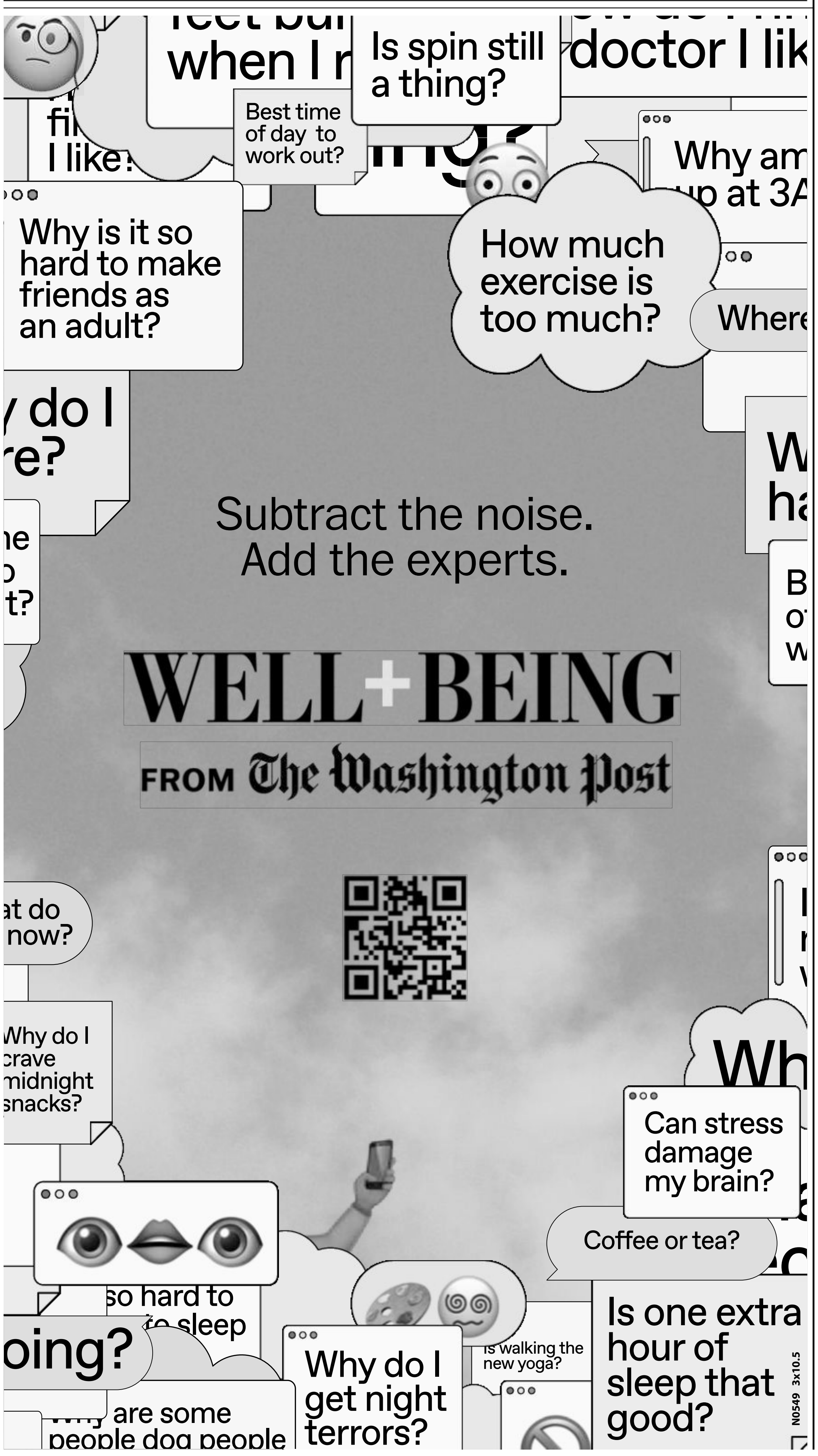
Mr. Davidson also played on Australia's Davis Cup team, coached the British team from 1967 to 1970 and worked as the head pro at Wimbledon. In 1972 he moved to Texas, where he became the head pro at the Houston Racquet Club and worked at venues including the Woodlands Country Club and the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch. He also coached pros including teenage prodigy Andrea Jaeger and Houston native Sammy Giammalva Jr.

In 2010, he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

His first marriage, to Angie Davidson, ended in divorce. In 1983, he married Arlene Covey. She died in 2014. Survivors include a son from his first marriage, Cameron Davidson; and a brother.

Mr. Davidson was still giving lessons three months before his death, according to his friend Suliga, and competed in doubles tournaments long after he gave up on singles in the mid-1970s. "I don't last as long I used to last," he told the Chronicle in 2010, "but I can still hang in there with the kids pretty good."





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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY HOURS

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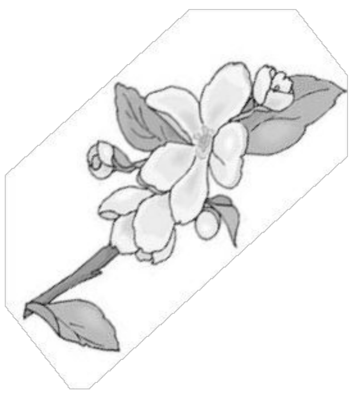
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DEATH NOTICE

DALY



RONALD LEE DALY (Age 92)
Ronald Lee Daly of Fort Belvoir, formerly of Fairfax, VA passed away on May 11, 2023. Ron was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Janet Claire Daly; parents, Thomas and Norma Daly; son, R. Keith Daly; and brothers, Mervin Daly and Kenneth Daly. He is survived by daughters, Noreen Daly of Woodbridge and Gayle Peterman (Joel) of Alexandria; daughter-in-law, Regine Daly of Annandale; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Friends and family may gather for visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on June 2, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a later date.
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DEATH NOTICE

DERRY

PETER EDWARD DERRY
Peter Edward Derry, 81, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, died in hospice on Monday, April 24, 2023. Born on June 22, 1941 in Portland, Maine, Mr. Derry was the fourth child of Margaret Lucille Herrick Derry and Richard Hall Derry. He attended Cheverus High School in Portland and studied government at Boston College, graduating in 1962. Mr. Derry received his LLB from George Washington University in 1967. He established his own firm, Pyne & Derry, P.C., with his mentor John J. "Jack" Pyne and practiced law in the Washington, DC area for 45 years.
Mr. Derry is preceded in death by his parents and by his oldest brother Richard Derry. He is survived by Anna Derry of Charleston, SC; his children and their spouses: Susan (John) Pesnichak of Alexandria, VA; Kate (Josh) Dinar of Boulder, CO; and Peter Herrick (Cecilia Menniti) Derry of Charleston, SC; and his five beloved grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 27 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, 1520 Rifle Range Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC, with a memorial service immediately following.

HILL

PETER PROAL HILL
Resident of Brunswick and Bailey Island, ME, former long-time resident of Washington, DC died Saturday, May 20, 2023 in Brunswick, ME. He was born October 4, 1926 in Concord, MA, son of George and Ruth (Harris) Hill. Peter was a reporter for the Washington Post before joining the faculty of George Washington University where he earned his doctorate and for the next 40 years taught early American History with a specialty in Franco-American Diplomatic History. A popular professor, "tough but fair," he served as the Student Faculty Liaison during the Viet Nam War protests and near the end of his career, as the Dean of GW's School of Public and International Affairs (now the Elliot School). He published four scholarly works, including William Vans Murray, Federalist Diplomat; French Perceptions of the Early American Republic; Napoleon's Troublesome Americans; and—at the age of 78—Joel Barlow American Diplomat and Nation Builder. Peter was predeceased by his wife of 50+ years, Barbara R. Hill, whom he referred to as "My dearest friend." They were each other's one true love. Survivors include his son, George A. Hill of Brunswick, Maine; his granddaughter, Glennis Hill of Boston, MA; his beloved sister Sara "Sal" Friedlander of Hudson, WI; brother-in-law Rolf Rykken of Washington, DC; sister-in-law Debby Rykken of Aurora, CO; and numerous devoted nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. A celebration of Peter's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Peter Hill's name to Mid-Coast Senior Health Services, 123 Medical Center Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011; Maine Family Planning, PO Box 587, Augusta, ME 04332-0587; George Washington University, Development and Alumni Relations, 1922 F Street NW, Suite 202, Washington, DC 20052.

KING

THOMAS M. KING (Age 84)
Thomas M. King (84), of Silver Spring, MD, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Survived by his wife, Elizabeth King; children, Thomas J. King and Lisa Guillaume (John); and grandchildren, Samantha and J.J. Guillaume. Tom was born July 3, 1938 in New York City, NY. He is preceded in the death by his parents Catherine and John King and his five siblings. He graduated from City University of New York and later received a master's degree in public health at George Washington University. A memorial service to honor Tom's life will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, located at 15661 Norbeck Blvd., Silver Spring, MD, on May 25th. Visitation will commence at 11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 p.m.. Interment private. Afterward, a Celebration of Life reception will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Club House One in Leisure World, situated at 3700 Rossmoor Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906.
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DEATH NOTICE

POLLARD



CHARLETTA LOUISE POLLARD
Passed on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Mrs. Pollard may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Saturday, May 27 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment is private.

SMITH



LAWRENCE D. SMITH JR.
Lawrence D. Smith, Jr. also known as Smitty, Uncle Tuna, LD, Pop, and Buddy was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on December 9, 1939, to Lawrence D. Smith, Sr. and Ruth Oliphant Smith. On May 17, 2023, after a prolonged battle with health issues, Lawrence answered God's final call at 83 years of age at Maryland University Capital Regent Hospital in Largo, Maryland.
Those left to cherish his memory include his devoted wife of 30 plus years, Lavon; three sons, Dante' Williams of Glen Burnie, Maryland, William James Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, and Edgar Andre James (Ardis) of Brandywine, Maryland; two daughters Tihirah Roberts (Charles) of Alexandria, Virginia;, and Angela James of Birmingham, Alabama; one brother James Smith (Kathy) of Atlanta, Georgia; 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and his 50 Godchildren.
Funeral Services will be held at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, 2616 Martin Luther King, Jr. SE, Washington, DC 20020, Viewing 10 a.m.; Services 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2024.
Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Services.

UNTERWEGER

RUTH RODBERG UNTERWEGER
On Friday, May 19, 2023, RUTH RODBERG UNTERWEGER of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of Michael P. Unterweger. Devoted mother of Lee (Eileen), Elliot (Annette) and Paul Rodberg, Susan Rodberg Corp and Paul (Laura) and Michael Unterweger. Loving grandmother of David, Steven, Joseph and Daniel Rodberg, Lucas, Valerie and Veronica Corp, Jonathan Unterweger and Jennifer (Peter) Laanisto and great-grandmother of Ellie and Brody Laanisto. Dear sister of Myron (Paula) and Jerome (Patricia) Bloom. Ruth was a longtime member of Hadassah organizations in the Montgomery County area, serving many years in officer positions including secretary, treasurer and president. Graveside funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 11 a.m. at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. Shiva will be observed at the home of Lee and Eileen Rodberg, Columbia, MD, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., with services at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah Greater Washington, 11900 Parklawn Dr., Ste. 350, Rockville, MD 20852, www.Hadassah.org. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

KATON



DR. RICHARD NORMAN KATON
July 4, 1941 - May 7, 2023
On Sunday morning May 7, 2023, Dr. Richard Norman Katon, beloved father, brother, husband, grandfather, friend and caretaker of many, passed away peacefully in his sleep after a year-long battle with cancer. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 47 years, Gynny Profita Katon, they are now reunited. He will be missed terribly by his children Terry, Andy, Jordan and Juli; their respective spouses Kimberly, Michelle, and Lisa; and his nine grandchildren Alyssa (26), Sophie (25), Zoe (24), Jared (21), Sadie (21), Griffin (11), Phoenix (8), Colin (5) and Milo (2).

Richard's greatest passion in life was taking care of and providing for his family, friends and community. His gentle kindness and overwhelming generosity defined him throughout his lifetime. He was a father figure to many and his home was open over the years to family and friends who needed support.

Richard was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, along with his twin sisters, Judy and Marilyn, children of Charlotte and Benjamin Katon. Richard is also survived by his sisters, their respective husbands Paul and Allan, along with a sizable extended family of their kids, grandkids, cousins and beyond.

Throughout his teenage years, Richard worked hard and participated in public safety initiatives in and around the Avenue K community. After finishing high school, Richard took a brief hiatus from New York while attending Lafayette College in Easton, PA. Following his undergraduate studies, Richard returned back to Brooklyn to pursue his interest in medicine at Downstate Medical.

Richard's humanitarian legacy began in full after completing Medical School in 1967. First stop was obtaining a Masters in Public Health Administration at Johns Hopkins, after which he transitioned to Washington, DC to start off his career pioneering a groundbreaking new program to treat heroin addicts. After several years, this led Richard to start his own company that consulted with the Federal government on a variety of health and treatment issues. Despite his immediate success and growth of his company, Richard's desire to have a more direct impact on people's lives brought him back to the practice of traditional family medicine. In 1980, he started a medical practice in a small house on a farm in Germantown, Maryland, which, over the next four decades, grew across three locations, providing more than 50,000 patient visits per year. All the while, Richard sat on various medical boards, staying involved in advocacy and patient care initiatives.

After finally retiring from the medical field in 2010, Richard spent time enjoying the things he loved best: spending time and traveling with his late wife and *best love* reading and soaking in the sun. They enjoyed making memories in Bethany Beach, DE, on cruise ships, and exploring other cultural destinations around the world.

It wasn't long though before his itch for giving back to the community once again brought him to a new chapter in his life. The idea was cemented during a chance conversation on an airplane with a flight attendant who would soon become his friend and one of 3 co-founders of this new project. The idea: a way to give back to the families of military veterans who had been injured in the line of service. Each year, they would invite a new set of 30 veteran families to Bethany Beach, Delaware. Residents of Bethany Beach rolled out the red carpet; homes were donated for the week, business doors were opened, and families who desperately needed a reprieve from the physical and mental burdens of injury and caretaking enjoyed a week of relaxation, connection, support and appreciation. The impact was a ripple effect - wounded warriors and their families took the support they received during the week and brought messages of hope and support back to their communities; some volunteered to return and provide more support to the next group of families, and so on. *Operation SEAs the Day* (as it became known) is still going strong and will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary later this summer.

Richard spent his last couple of years living at the Woodlands 55+ Community in Urbana, MD where he made a name for himself by creating a newsletter called *Hidden Gems* focusing on local businesses in the community. He joined a book club, poker club, and bridge club, getting to know multitudes of neighbors along the way.

Richard brought a calm, guiding spirit into every aspect of his life. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, watching sports, playing cards and reading books. Richard also loved the thrill of competition: from early days of skipping class in medical school to go to the race track, waking up before sunrise to shuttle children to sports games, playing fantasy hockey and football, and being a diehard Capitals fan, to recent games of poker and bridge in the Woodlands community. Most of all, Richard adored his family and friends and rarely missed an opportunity to connect with new people and stay in touch with acquaintances from the past.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held on June 18 at Temple Beth Ami in Rockville, MD. We ask that you RSVP at https://pp.events/rnk. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Montgomery Hospice or Frederick Hospice.

YORDY

GARY YORDY
8/6/1953 - 5/17/2023
Gary M. Yordy, (69), beloved father, husband, son, brother and friend passed away peacefully on May 17, 2023 surrounded by those who loved him. Gary lived most of his life in the DC/MD/NOVA area. There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Mineral United Methodist Church, 301 West 3rd Street, Mineral, VA 23117. Donations instead of flowers should be made to the Louisa County Animal Shelter.

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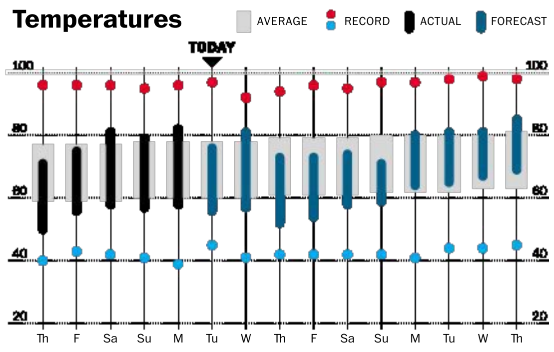
Another sunny, low-humidity day

More of the same weather today: Perhaps a few degrees cooler, but still not far from 80. Mostly sunny skies continue to grace the area, and humidity should be low. Winds are from the southeast around 10 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hazy sun	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Rain	Showers
76° 56°	81° 57°	73° 52°	73° 54°	74° 58°	71° 59°
FEELS*: **79°**	FEELS: **85°**	FEELS: **77°**	FEELS: **76°**	FEELS: **72°**	FEELS: **69°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **0%**	P: **0%**	P: **10%**	P: **10%**	P: **30%**	P: **55%**
WIND: **ENE 7–14 mph**	W: **SE 6–12 mph**	W: **NE 7–14 mph**	W: **ENE 7–14 mph**	W: **ENE 8–16 mph**	W: **ENE 8–16 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Moderate**

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Temperatures

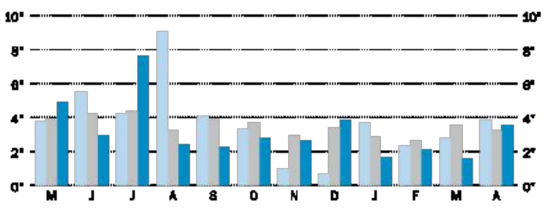


Statistics through 5 p.m. Monday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**82°** 4:00 p.m.	**81°** 3:10 p.m.	**82°** 4:00 p.m.
Low	**58°** 5:12 a.m.	**50°** 5:23 a.m.	**51°** 3:43 a.m.
Normal	78°/60°	76°/55°	77°/55°
Record high	96° 1941	91° 2022	98° 1941
Record low	39° 1907	31° 2002	35° 2002

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–1.9°** yr. to date: **+3.9°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.43"	1.04"	0.55"
Normal	2.79"	3.32"	2.68"
Total this year	9.31"	9.54"	10.02"
Normal	14.98"	15.84"	16.06"

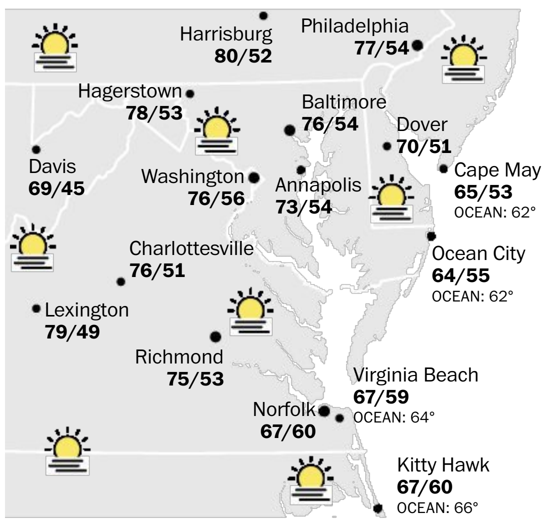
Moon Phases

May 27	June 3	June 10	June 18
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:50 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Moon	8:44 a.m.	none
Venus	8:48 a.m.	11:52 p.m.
Mars	10:04 a.m.	12:38 a.m.
Jupiter	4:24 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Saturn	2:12 a.m.	1:09 p.m.

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Very High
10 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, hazy sunshine. High 57 to 65. Winds east 7–14 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 47 to 51. Winds east–northeast 6–12 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 59 to 70. Winds east 6–12 mph. Thursday, a couple of showers in southern parts.

Atlantic beaches: Today, breezy, hazy sun. High 64 to 68. Winds northeast 10–20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50 to 60. Winds northeast 8–16 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny. High 66 to 70. Winds east–northeast 7–14 mph. Thursday, partly sunny.

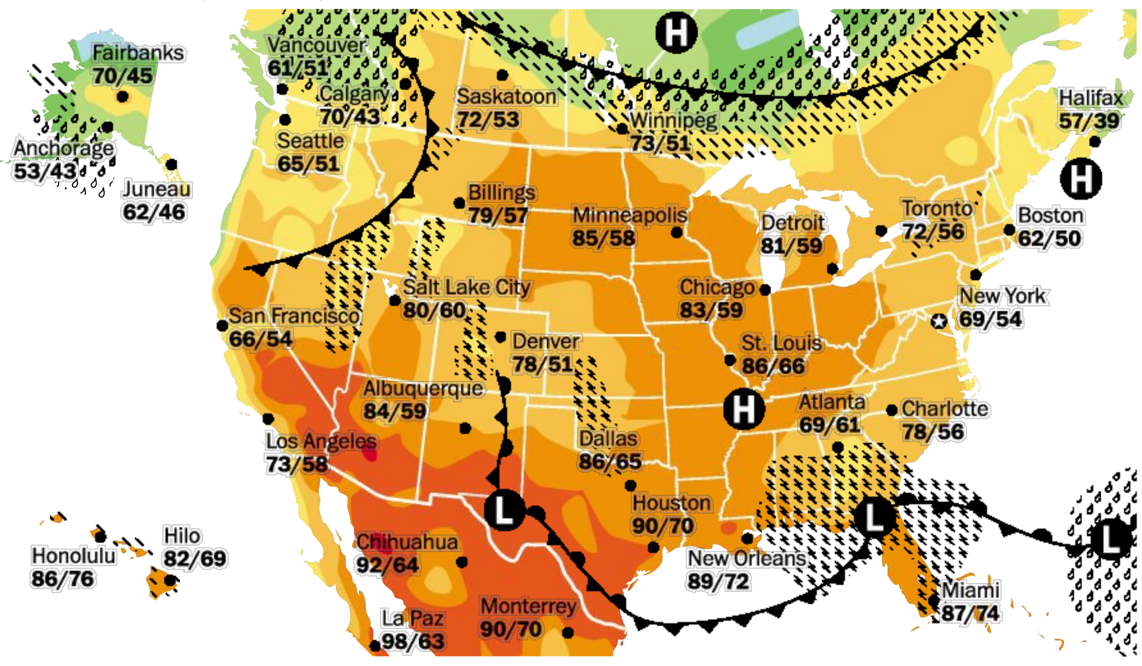
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, hazy sun. Wind east–northeast 6–12 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, hazy sun. Wind northeast 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 2–4 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.40 feet today, with no change of 3.40 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	5:47 a.m.	**11:18 a.m.**	6:50 p.m.	**none**
Annapolis	1:52 a.m.	**8:47 a.m.**	3:27 p.m.	**8:40 p.m.**
Ocean City	5:04 a.m.	**10:50 a.m.**	4:47 p.m.	**11:15 p.m.**
Norfolk	**12:29 a.m.**	7:02 a.m.	**1:01 p.m.**	6:47 p.m.
Point Lookout	**4:34 a.m.**	11:50 a.m.	**5:01 p.m.**	10:27 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

<–10 –0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Phoenix, AZ **101°**
Low: Leadville, CO **28°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Jacobabad, Pakistan **116°**
Low: Dewar Lakes, Canada **4°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	77/54/pc	75/44/t
Albuquerque	84/59/s	87/60/s
Anchorage	53/43/r	56/43/r
Atlanta	69/61/c	80/58/c
Austin	90/66/pc	86/66/c
Baltimore	76/54/pc	81/58/s
Billings, MT	79/57/c	81/55/t
Birmingham	73/58/sh	82/58/pc
Bismarck, ND	89/60/pc	84/62/c
Boise	73/52/c	78/52/pc
Boston	62/50/s	70/50/s
Buffalo	79/59/pc	65/42/pc
Burlington, VT	78/59/s	66/41/t
Charleston, SC	77/63/c	75/58/c
Charleston, WV	81/51/pc	80/53/s
Charlotte	78/56/pc	75/56/pc
Cheyenne, WY	75/47/t	69/49/t
Chicago	83/59/s	67/48/s
Cincinnati	82/58/s	82/50/pc
Cleveland	80/60/pc	74/45/s
Dallas	86/65/pc	83/66/t
Denver	78/51/t	73/50/t
Des Moines	84/60/s	83/54/c
Detroit	81/59/s	73/41/s
El Paso	95/68/s	96/68/s
Fairbanks, AK	70/45/pc	69/47/pc
Fargo, ND	88/52/t	68/54/c
Hartford, CT	72/47/s	77/49/s
Honolulu	86/76/pc	86/75/pc
Houston	90/70/pc	90/68/pc
Indianapolis	84/61/s	84/49/pc
Jackson, MS	85/59/t	82/60/c
Jacksonville, FL	78/68/t	75/65/r
Kansas City, MO	82/60/s	83/60/t
Las Vegas	96/75/s	94/72/s
Little Rock	85/65/pc	86/66/c
Los Angeles	73/58/pc	70/57/pc
Louisville	85/62/s	86/59/s
Memphis	85/63/pc	86/66/pc
Miami	87/74/t	88/73/r
Milwaukee	78/53/s	57/47/pc
Minneapolis	85/58/pc	70/50/c
Nashville	84/61/s	86/59/pc
New Orleans	89/72/t	84/70/pc
New York City	70/54/pc	74/50/s
Norfolk	67/60/pc	69/58/pc
Oklahoma City	75/60/t	76/62/t
Omaha	86/56/pc	88/62/pc
Orlando	85/70/t	85/67/r
Philadelphia	77/54/pc	81/56/s
Phoenix	101/75/s	98/73/s
Pittsburgh	79/55/pc	77/45/pc
Portland, ME	61/45/s	63/45/s
Portland, OR	70/53/pc	77/55/pc
Providence, RI	70/47/s	71/50/s
Raleigh, NC	78/56/pc	76/55/pc
Reno, NV	79/54/s	74/53/c
Richmond	75/53/pc	74/53/s
Sacramento	79/52/pc	81/53/pc
St. Louis	86/66/s	87/62/s
St. Thomas, VI	87/78/t	87/78/pc
Salt Lake City	80/60/t	78/59/pc
San Diego	66/59/pc	66/59/pc
San Francisco	66/54/pc	66/55/pc
San Juan, PR	87/76/t	87/75/t
Seattle	65/51/pc	70/53/pc
Spokane, WA	68/47/pc	73/51/pc
Syracuse	80/59/pc	68/40/t
Tampa	88/74/t	86/72/t
Wichita	77/58/c	81/60/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	73/55/pc	74/56/sh
Amsterdam	60/45/pc	61/49/pc
Athens	75/58/t	74/60/t
Auckland	64/58/pc	64/47/s
Baghdad	105/79/pc	102/77/c
Bangkok	99/82/t	99/79/t
Beijing	87/62/pc	84/67/pc
Berlin	67/46/t	64/45/pc
Bogota	65/53/t	64/51/t
Brussels	63/42/pc	61/46/pc
Buenos Aires	71/64/c	70/62/t
Cairo	95/71/s	94/69/s
Caracas	75/64/t	77/64/t
Copenhagen	58/50/sh	66/49/pc
Dakar	82/74/c	82/75/c
Dublin	63/45/pc	65/47/c
Edinburgh	61/46/pc	65/44/c
Frankfurt	67/46/c	62/45/pc
Geneva	73/56/t	68/51/t
Ham., Bermuda	74/70/sh	77/71/r
Helsinki	71/44/pc	75/50/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	96/80/r	95/79/r
Hong Kong	83/78/r	83/79/t
Islamabad	98/72/pc	87/67/r
Istanbul	70/56/r	71/57/s
Jerusalem	82/61/s	88/62/s
Johannesburg	62/47/pc	71/52/s
Kabul	73/55/c	80/53/s
Kingston, Jam.	89/78/t	89/77/sh
Kolkata	97/78/t	96/78/t
Kyiv	74/56/pc	77/59/pc
Lagos	88/77/t	89/76/t
Lima	75/67/c	75/68/pc
Lisbon	78/59/t	78/61/t
London	66/48/pc	71/50/pc
Madrid	72/53/t	74/56/t
Manila	94/80/t	93/81/t
Mexico City	80/57/sh	78/57/t
Montreal	73/55/c	59/42/t
Moscow	65/55/sh	71/56/pc
Mumbai	93/83/s	93/83/s
Nairobi	77/59/t	77/59/pc
New Delhi	106/83/pc	96/75/pc
Oslo	65/46/sh	74/43/pc
Ottawa	76/50/c	55/39/sh
Paris	68/47/pc	66/49/pc
Prague	69/47/t	63/44/pc
Rio de Janeiro	79/68/s	79/70/sh
Riyadh	103/80/c	103/82/c
Rome	75/57/pc	75/56/pc
San Salvador	87/70/t	88/71/sh
Santiago	61/46/sh	59/46/c
Sarajevo	78/52/t	75/53/t
Seoul	80/54/s	80/54/pc
Shanghai	80/61/s	70/64/c
Singapore	90/79/t	89/80/t
Stockholm	71/44/pc	76/54/pc
Sydney	69/46/s	70/49/s
Taipei City	73/68/sh	81/70/r
Tehran	91/71/s	93/76/s
Tokyo	62/56/r	75/59/s
Toronto	72/56/pc	60/41/sh
Vienna	76/57/t	69/52/t
Warsaw	76/55/pc	71/54/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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Food bank's program aids its suppliers: Local farms

FOOD BANKS FROM B1

recently received support from an unlikely source — area food banks.

Manna Food Center, a nonprofit anti-hunger organization in Montgomery County, has for years received donated food from local farms. But during the pandemic, when an avalanche of federal funding became available for anti-hunger ideas, Manna partnered with the Montgomery County Food Council and the county's Office of Agriculture to expand Manna's Farm to Food Bank program.

Now in its third year, the initiative has greatly increased the supply lines connecting locally farmed food to needy families. The program offers farmers not only competitive pricing, but also financial grants for new crops and equipment.

"This way, farmers know at least ahead of time what they're going to get for that produce and what produce we're looking for," said Jenna Umbriac, Manna's director of programs and policy. "We've now gone from working with four farmers before the pandemic to working now with 30 farms."

The influx of local food comes as the food banks that Manna stocks are seeing spiking demand. The end of the pandemic emergency allotment for SNAP recipients in the region in March, coupled with high inflation, has led to a 30 percent increase in Manna's client traffic over 2021, when that and other federal relief programs began.

"In March, we served 5,400 households in Montgomery County, which I think is more than we have ever served," Umbriac said. "That's definitely more than we were serving at the height of the pandemic."

Last year the program purchased 76,933 pounds of local produce, providing 64,110 meals for area food banks and distribution operations. It offers an innovative win-win for local farmers and hungry families at a time when both groups are facing new challenges.

"There's nothing worse than sitting on 2,000 pounds of produce and thinking, 'Where is this going to go?'" Grossman said. "The Manna program alleviates some of that risk, and I saw this as a way for us to ensure the future existence of this farm."

Grossman, a history teacher at Montgomery Blair High School, started farming 15 years ago, growing lettuce on six plots in a Rockville community garden. His interest snowballed into a business with a partner, Anh Doan, on the rented acres at Our House, a residential center for at-risk kids. The farm operated on a Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, model, with members paying a yearly fee for fresh organic food, while also selling produce at farmers markets and wholesale.

"During the pandemic we had a huge uptick in interest in our CSA. People went to the grocery store, saw they were bare, freaked out and joined a CSA," Grossman said. "We're actually seeing CSA interest wane pretty significantly right now, and I understand it's a national trend."

Pre-pandemic, the pipeline Manna operated between local farms and food banks was limited.

"Because of the funding, we had to provide $1.20 a pound for anything. It didn't matter what produce it was, how heavy or how light," Umbriac said. "That didn't work really well for the majority of farmers."

When Manna and its partners injected the program with federal funding during the pandemic, they collaborated with farmers on a set price list. But the nonprofit soon realized that Montgomery County's farms might not be able to meet the demand.

"It's one thing to say, 'Yes, grow these 10 foods, we would love to have as much volume as you can possibly provide,'" Umbriac said. "Well, they don't necessarily have the capital ... to cultivate and harvest another acre on their land even if they want to."

The solution was to offer competitive pricing as well as grants to bolster farming operations. In the first year, Manna distributed $250,000 in grants to farmers, Umbriac said. After that federal funding ran out, the county and local foundations have kept the program going, such as a $50,000 grant from the Healthcare Initiative Foundation for the purchase of high-demand crops. This year, county funding went toward 17 grants totaling $125,000.

Manna's commitment to not only buying produce but also investing money in farms is an innovation, according to Janet Poppendieck, a sociology professor emeritus at the City University of New York's Hunter College who has written multiple books on the history of food assistance in America.

"Food banks owning a farm or growing their own food is not new, but trying to help lower-income farmers stay on their feet, that is new and significant," Poppendieck said. "They are strategically and intentionally supporting the farms."

Grossman and Doan received multiple grants from the Farm to Food Bank program, money that helped them build an on-site refrigerated storage space, a greenhouse and other structures. Over the winter the Farm at Our House sent 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of produce to food banks in the program. Recently, Grossman sent 30 pounds of lettuce. Throughout the year, the farm will continue selling produce to the program, including peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, carrots and potatoes.

Kingdom Cares, a weekly food distribution program run by Kingdom Fellowship AME Church in Calverton, Md., has felt the increased demand. Since the pandemic, the program has gone from a single weekly food handout to six across the county.

"We are also seeing big numbers," said Marcus Jean, the program's coordinator. "That's in part due to this whole kerfuffle with the SNAP emergency allotment being cut. The rug was pulled out from under a lot of folks."

Beginning in June, Kingdom Cares will receive fresh produce from the Manna program — food the church would struggle to buy in bulk from a wholesaler, Jean said.

"People want things they can prepare and cook, and we believe in providing fresh produce," he added. "We haven't been able to provide that in awhile, so folks will be excited when they see that."



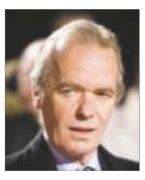
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Quennie Cardenas, left, and Alexa Landres lay drip lines to irrigate a field of eggplant and peppers at the Farm at Our House near Olney, Md.

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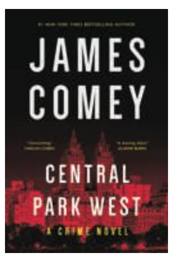
For James Comey's career, mystery writing is no plot twist

The former FBI director known for the investigation of Hillary Clinton has long had a penchant for writing

BY SOPHIA NGUYEN
IN NEW YORK

Readers of detective stories, wrote W.H. Auden — the poet was addicted to them — suffer from a sense of sin. They are people intimate with guilt, and they dream of its removal. The last time James Comey read something in the genre, he says, was 1987: "Scott Turow. 'Presumed Innocent.' I was all on fire reading that." The dry spell started that year, when he began working as a federal prosecutor. After that, he couldn't read anything about crime, or espionage, or terrorism.

Yet there he was last month at mystery writing's highest honors, sawing away at a steak dinner in a ballroom at the Times Square Marriott. The Edgar Awards ceremony was in full swing: purple uplighting, gift tote bags printed with Edgar Allan Poe's face dangling from the back of every chair.



At some point during the night, Comey lost his name tag. He went through the motions of looking for it — the folds of his napkin? under his seat? — before a tablemate touched his elbow and laughed: "You don't need it." The staffers at the registration table out front had said the same: "Well, it's James Comey — ya can't miss him!" The most famous FBI director this side of J. Edgar Hoover is easy to spot in a crowd, and not just because he's 6-foot-8.

When he became head of the FBI in 2013, he was already familiar to some swath of the public for prosecuting the Gambino crime family and Martha Stewart, and for facing off with George W. Bush's White House at the bedside of then-Attorney General John Ashcroft. But his handling of the investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails, in the lead-up to the 2016 election, made him a household name. The following year, President Donald Trump fired him.

At the Edgars ceremony, Comey seemed far removed from the context in which passersby sometimes heckled him: "Thanks for giving us Trump." "I feel like an alien that landed in from another planet!" he said. Like so many of the other attendees that night, Comey had a book to promote: his first legal thriller, "Central Park West," out on May 30. And he was there on a mission: to show the world that this was not a one-off stunt.

"This is not just a hobby for me," he said. "I want this to be my job."

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James Comey, whose first legal thriller, "Central Park West," will be released next week, has plans to write more novels, but none of his current ideas are set in Washington.

At Cannes, a touching return for Scorsese

Director of 'Killers of the Flower Moon' gets long ovation at film festival

BY JADA YUAN

CANNES, FRANCE — "Mar-tin! Mar-tin! Mar-tin!" chanted the film fanatics who had been waiting for 18 hours, in the rain, in tuxedos and gowns, just for a chance of getting a last-minute rush seat to the world premiere of Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon" on Saturday night — easily the hottest ticket of the Cannes Film Festival. Soon they were chanting his last name, too, with the French pronunciation: "Score-sez! Score-sez! Score-sez!"

Getting to witness a Martin Scorsese premiere at Cannes, the festival that announced him as a major filmmaker in the 1970s, is a rare and coveted event. But getting to witness *this* premiere felt like being a part of history, said the 10 male film students from France and Mexico who'd shown up at midnight to try to gain a seat for the 6 p.m. premiere.

They called it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and for these guys, all in their early 20s, it truly was. The last time the director had a film play in the stadium-like Grand Theatre Lumière here was "After Hours" in 1986, well

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How blogs upended New York's high society

BY TAYLOR LORENZ

In the late aughts, right before the financial crash, the world of Manhattan socialites was upended by an 18-year-old blogger in Illinois.

The college student's blog, Park Avenue Peerage, chronicled the comings and goings of the city's elite as they ventured from red carpets to charity balls. "Queenmaker: The Making of an It Girl," a new documentary from Hulu, tells the story of a teenage interloper in New York society right as the socialite bubble was pierced by the internet. Packed with nostalgia and pop culture, the film explores a time that set the stage for modern influencer culture.

"[The film] represents the shift from legacy media to the digital revolution," "Queenmaker" director Zackary Drucker told The Washington Post. The documentary features the publicists, heiresses and bloggers who defined the decade and unpacks the ways their lives were warped by the internet and a culture of misogy-

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With 'Good Bones,' a playwright tackles a touchy topic: Black class conflict

BY PETER MARKS

As he walked the rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods of Washington on a visit some time ago, it occurred to James Ijames, a 2022 Pulitzer winner for "Fat Ham," that there was a new play practically tapping on his shoulder.

"The historical class struggle is still very much with us," the dramatist said in a recent interview. "And there are people who, and I count myself in this category, Black people who attain a certain level of affluence — if you're not careful, it's very easy to lose sight of where we've been, what we've been through, what the cost was."

The contemplation of a problematic class divide propelled Ijames, whose "Fat Ham" is now Tony-nominated and running on Broadway, onto the path of his latest comedy-drama. "Good Bones," the story of a rich Black couple who move onto a redeveloped city block, unprepared for the bad karma they instigate, is getting a vibrant world premiere at Studio Theatre. A four-person cast directed by Psalmayene 24 deftly animates a plot that feels so much of the moment it could have gone viral on a news site rather than live to the stage. A noisy, late-night block party prompts a complaint to police that causes more troubling consequences than the couple anticipated.

Studio's artistic director, David Muse, asked the 42-year-old Ijames (pronounced IMES) for a new play several years ago, before "Fat Ham" made him a hot writer; his success led to his recent decision to leave Philadelphia's Wilma Theater, where he was one of its trio of artistic directors. Although only one of out of four plays that Studio commissions ultimately gets produced by the company, Muse was not surprised when Ijames's made the cut.

"I could just tell that this was a guy with a theatrical imagination and felt like he had something to say," Muse said. "Writing a play about gentrification in which all the characters are Black: It's such a simple and brilliant idea."

To Psalmayene 24, a D.C.-based director and playwright who goes by "Psalm," Ijames has in "Good Bones" not just a sharp concept but also a platform for a deeper exploration of identity than we're accustomed to. "One of the beautiful aspects of this play is that it gives us a nuanced view into

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MARGOT SCHULMAN

From left, actors Cara Ricketts, Joel Ashur and Johnny Ramey.

Acclamation for Scorsese

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before any of them were born.

Indeed, Scorsese and Robert De Niro, whose Bill Hale is the smooth-talking antagonist of "Killers," haven't been at the festival together since 1976 with "Taxi Driver," their brutal portrayal of urban anger that had premiered to boos and walkouts before winning the Palme d'Or.

And unlike the endless chances one has to see in-competition movies, the Scorsese film — based on David Grann's nonfiction book of the same name, about a string of murders of members of the Osage Nation in 1920s Oklahoma known as the Reign of Terror, which became the marquee case of the newly formed FBI — would play just once for the public. There was just one shot at being in the room for that premiere for a film that isn't scheduled to open in theaters until Oct. 20.

"What more do you want?! This is the church of cinema, and Martin Scorsese is Jesus! This is a religion, and we have come to pray!" said Mathis Tayssier, 21, a French short film director who seemed to have become the de facto leader of the Rush Line 10, who'd formed a collective organization, saving each other's spots in line so they could all shower, sleep and get into their tuxes, in turn. (Spoiler alert: They made it in.)

At 80, Scorsese has been reflective about mortality and how deliberate he wants to be about the movies he makes going forward. The "Killers" script went through countless revisions, he told The Washington Post at a cocktail party Sunday evening, morphing from a story about the FBI to a story about the Osage people standing up for themselves despite a dismaying lack of attention from the government. The Osage had been lucky enough to find oil on their land, becoming the richest people per capita in the world, but unlucky enough to become the targets of murderous White men who wanted their wealth for themselves. Had the script stayed focused on the White saviors from the FBI, Scorsese said, "I would not have made it. … I think other people know how to make that kind of film better than me. Meaning that they have a more enjoyable [time] or maybe they love it more. I don't think it's my forte."



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From left, Janae Collins, Cara Jade Myers, Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese, Lily Gladstone, Leonardo DiCaprio, Tantoo Cardinal and Jillian Dion before the premiere of "Killers of the Flower Moon."

Scorsese calculates he spent five years on this project, which included script changes, DiCaprio changing roles and significant shooting delays due to the pandemic. (The original start date was supposed to be March 2020.) "I'm at an age now where everything I try, I want it to matter for me," he said at the cocktail party. "It always did. But even more so now, because we're just running out of time."

De Niro, 79, said he feels the same way. "Marty, you know, he's right," he said at the cocktail party. "If I felt strongly about something, I would pitch it to him and try to convince him, but I know he's at a point in his life where he has to decide what is the most important thing for him to do."

According to Scorsese's longtime editor, Thelma Schoonmaker, 83, who started working with him on "Raging Bull," he talks about the ticking clock all the time. "He's got many things in his head that he wants to do. I don't know if we'll live long enough to do them," she said at the party.

She's also seen him paying more attention to story and emotion than filmmaking flourishes, with age. "He's getting simpler," she said. "He's done all the fancy camerawork. It's quite interesting, because he's so famous for the shots and the way they're cut and the movement, but now he's making things much more simply. For example, the murders in 'The Irishman' and in this one are in wide shots. There's not blood spurting out of people's heads, you know."

According to De Niro, the seeds for Scorsese to do a movie like "Killers" might go back to the '70s. The actor remembers when he and Scorsese visited Marlon Brando on his private island in French Polynesia and Brando told them about some film about Native Americans he wanted to do. "Brando had an idea about the thing — I forget what it was at that time — but Marty listened, and the way I remember it is he just felt that was too chaotic and crazy. Never gonna happen," De Niro said. "So this is something that he finally did in a way that he could do it, the way he would feel was the proper way to do it."

In many ways, bringing "Killers" to Cannes was a full-circle moment for Scorsese, who told The Post that he always wanted to premiere the movie here because of how important the festival has been to his personal history. He first came here in his early 30s, in 1974, when "Mean Streets" played in the Directors' Fortnight side competition. Then came "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" in 1975, and "Taxi Driver" the next year. He was president of the 1998 jury that gave Roberto Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful" the Grand Prix, and has come back time and again as a producer or to advocate for archiving film, or to present a 20-minute clip of "Gangs of New York" in 2002. But for decades now, as he became a director who finished his films in fall for the Oscars race — and now one whose budgets are so big ("Killers" was $200 million) he needs to rely on a deep-pocketed streaming company such as Apple to be producing partners with Paramount — he has missed the window to have his movies premiere in May at Cannes.

"I missed this," he told The Post. "I'm usually here on film preservation, restoration, that sort of thing. But I always wanted to come back with a film. I find that the treatment of cinema here is that it's a real art form. All aspects of it."

While Grann's book gives nearly equal weight to the story of the Osages and the birth of the FBI, Scorsese and DiCaprio challenged themselves to tell a more emotional story. DiCaprio had originally signed on to play Tom White, the FBI investigator that Jesse Plemons plays in the film, but after two years of working on the script, Scorsese said that DiCaprio went to him and told him he didn't think it was working. "At one point, Leo … said to me, 'Where's the heart of this story?'" Scorsese said in a Sunday news conference. By that time, Scorsese had met with the Osage several times and learned how the wounds of those murders still resonated today. Scorsese, DiCaprio and screenwriter Eric Roth decided to delve into a character, Ernest Burkhart, who was one of the least-written-about in the book. He was the nephew of De Niro's wealthy cattleman character, Bill Hale, and fell in love with and married a wealthy and frail Osage woman, Mollie (Lily Gladstone, in a breakout performance), whose sisters and mother soon start dying or being murdered. A diabetic, Mollie also starts receiving a new, rare and very expensive medicine, insulin, as a gift from Hale, with shots administered by her husband, but somehow it only seems to make her sicker.

The process of watching the Osage relive the most painful part of their history had been visceral and moving for all, Plemons said. There's a courtroom scene where a lawyer, played by Brendan Fraser, demands to speak to his "client," Ernest Burkhart, and it looks as if the whole trial is about to be corrupted, and the Osage rise up in anger. "There's an eruption of outrage, and for a few takes, Marty just gave them an opportunity to just let it out," Plemons said. "I remember looking at one person who was directing all of these feelings at the guy holding the boom — no acting, just real dealing with this history and these feelings. It's very, very powerful."

At the news conference, Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear told a moved Scorsese: "My people suffer greatly to this day, but I can say on behalf of the Osage, Martin Scorsese and his team have restored trust, and we know that trust will not be betrayed."

Osages were involved with most aspects of the film; at the premiere, I met a woman who advised the costumes department, and another whose father, Charles Red Corn, had written a historical novel that Scorsese had consulted, and whose brother Yancey Red Corn plays the chief in the film.

The cast and crew had taken part in an Osage blessing before heading to the red carpet. I was seated next to Shannon Shaw Duty, editor of the Osage News, who'd come in moccasins and beautiful traditional dress, and who'd been given what felt like a seat of honor in the front row of the mezzanine. She'd followed the film since before production and said Scorsese and his team had been "so respectful, almost to a fault." But in the moments after the screening ended, she and her husband couldn't figure out how they felt about it. "It was hard to experience it, because I saw so many of my friends and family," said Shaw Duty, who was also an extra, along with her husband and most of their friends and family. "So that kind of pulled me out of the dramatic, where I was like, 'Oh! That's my kids!'"

Native fashions had been everywhere on the red carpet, too, colorful and celebrated just a year after an Indigenous producer from Canada had made headlines for getting turned away from attending a premiere because he'd worn moccasins. Tantoo Cardinal ("Dances With Wolves"), who plays Mollie's mother, wore a dress hand-painted with outsize eagle feathers. Gladstone, who is of Blackfeet and Nimíipuu heritage, wore Valentino paired with earrings from Indigenous jeweler Jamie Okuma. The music of Robbie Robertson, whose mother was Cayuga and Mohawk, played on the soundspeakers. "I was just enjoying it, soaking in how incredible my sisters looked, walking to Robbie's music," Gladstone said. "I mean, I used to listen to that music on road trips with my family when I was a little kid, so it just felt very comfortable. And my good friend Tatanka Means [who plays an Ute FBI agent] was helping me up the stairs because I'm still acclimating to these fantastic heels that I get to wear that make me look taller than Leo. I kind of love that." She and DiCaprio stayed in the theater well after crowds started filing out, to talk with their Indigenous friends who were wrapping themselves in colorful blankets to go outside.

The history of the moment seemed to hit Scorsese hard, too, especially during the 10-minute standing ovation that followed the screening. He looked around at DiCaprio and De Niro; Schoonmaker and Gladstone; the Osage and members of other tribes who appeared in or consulted on the film, and seemed overwhelmed. In a short speech, he talked about being a tried-and-true New Yorker who just couldn't stop being surprised by the expanses of grass out in Oklahoma, or how wild horses would come galloping by. "Every day felt new, even scripting," he said, laughing, "so it was a very alive project. … This is such a moving experience. I don't think I've ever experienced anything like this."



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Warner Bros. CEO booed at Boston commencement speech over writers strike

BY HERB SCRIBNER

Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav faced boos and jeers from audience members during his Boston University commencement speech on Sunday during the ongoing Hollywood writers strike.

Picketers and audience members broke out in chants, including, "Pay your writers!" as Zaslav spoke about his career experience and how he rose up to become the company's president. The crowd yelled, "We don't want you here!" and, "Shut up, Zaslav!" as he spoke.

During his speech, Zaslav advised students that "some people will be looking for a fight, but don't be the one they find it with," which caused an eruption of boos and cheers from the crowd. He then told students to "focus on people's good qualities," which was a tip he said he received from the late General Electric CEO Jack Welch.

As he wrapped up his address — advising students to "figure out what you're good at" and to "show up for your friends" — audience members shouted expletives at him.

Zaslav, who wore sunglasses for the duration of speech, did not directly address the strike. But he may have been speaking to the picketers and protesters when he wrapped up, saying: "I hope to see all of you — and I mean all of you — along the way. The journey of life. There's nothing better."

Zaslav addressed the protests in a statement sent to The Washington Post on Sunday afternoon.

"I am grateful to my alma mater, Boston University, for inviting me to be part of today's commencement and for giving me an honorary degree, and, as I have often said, I am immensely supportive of writers and hope the strike is resolved soon and in a way that they feel recognizes their value," he said.

Boston University did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Writers Guild of America (WGA), which first announced its strike May 2, said in a statement Sunday that the crowd's reaction sends a "very clear" message.

"Zaslav and all of the company chiefs have to negotiate an agreement that addresses the very real challenges WGA members face, that make it possible for writers — and aspiring writers — to build and sustain careers creating the content that the companies rely on for revenue and profit," WGA said.

The WGA said it would picket the Boston University ceremony after the school confirmed that the Warner Bros. Discovery CEO would be giving a commencement speech.

Movie and TV screenwriters began striking after talks with producers broke down. The WGA is seeking better pay and new contracts amid the streaming era, as well as protection against content generated by artificial intelligence. The work stoppage has already affected the entertainment industry, with certain television and film productions going dark.



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David Zaslav, seen in April, gave a commencement speech Sunday at Boston University, where chants included, "Pay your writers!"

"Writers Guild members are on strike because companies, including Warner Bros. Discovery, refused to guarantee any level of weekly employment in episodic television, attempted to pivot late night writers to a day rate, stonewalled on free work on script revisions for screenwriters, and refused to even discuss our proposal on the existential threat AI poses to all writers," the guild said in a statement, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Zaslav has commented on the writers strike in the past. He told CNBC in early May that great writers are needed for good storytelling and that everybody, including writers, "deserves to be paid fairly."

"Let's try and get this resolved," he told CNBC's "Squawk Box" on May 5. "Let's do it in a way that the writers feel that they're valued, which they are, and they're compensated fairly, and then off we go. Let's tell great stories together."

Zaslav thinks it'll take more than just time to get the writers and producers to meet together on a deal.

"We all came into this business because we love storytelling, we want to entertain and when we're at our best, we get a chance to have an impact on the culture," he said. "Almost all of us got into this business with a lot of sacrifice in order to be part of that journey. And so that's what's going to bring us together."

BOOK WORLD

A guide to the many works of Martin Amis, including novels, essays and more

BY SOPHIA NGUYEN AND JOHN WILLIAMS

Martin Amis, a writer known for novels including "Money" and "The Information," as well as for his literary criticism and acerbic observations about British and American culture, died Friday at 73.

Amis, the son of famed British writer Kingsley Amis, became one of the characteristic literary celebrities of his generation. He first broke onto the scene with darkly comedic novels about drugs, sex, finance and media, cutting against what he viewed as the British tendency toward airless, sanitized nostalgia. In middle age, he took on self-consciously grander themes: history, war, the specter of nuclear annihilation, environmentalism. His last book, "Inside Story," was an autobiographical — and metafictional — reflection on his life, his friendships and some contemporary politics.

"I think there's a lot of romanticism in my work," he once told a reporter, "but it's thwarted by distortion and perversity, false commercial images in TV, literature, porn. The fact is, my satire wouldn't work if what I'm satirizing were not valued. Like Philip Larkin's poetry, love is conspicuous by [its] absence."

Amis was energetically prolific as novelist, essayist, critic and reporter. Here's where to start:

The major novels

"Money: A Suicide Note" (1984). The first novel of what would become known as Amis's London trilogy follows an ad man, John Self, as he crosses the Atlantic to make a movie. Amis himself described it as "essentially a plotless novel, … a voice novel." Here's how Jonathan Yardley characterized it in his review for The Washington Post: "From first page to last it is one long drinking bout, interrupted only briefly by a period of relative sobriety; it contains incessant sexual activity, much of it onanistic; it has a generous supply of sordid language that would not pass muster in polite society; and it has an unkind word for just about every race, creed or nationality known to exist." He also wrote that "it is so unremittingly, savagely hilarious that reading it is quite literally an exhausting experience, from which one emerges simultaneously gasping for air and pleading for more."

"London Fields" (1989). "This is the story of a murder," the narrator tells us on the first page of arguably Amis's most widely admired novel. "It hasn't happened yet. But it will. (It had better.)" The narrator is Samson Young, a chronically blocked American writer. But as with John Self in "Money," the novel's most memorable character is the seediest one, Keith Talent, a two-bit thief who aspires to be a champion darts thrower. Amis roasted 1980s New York in "Money" and captures late-20th-century London with the same jaded and very funny eye.

"The Information" (1995). This story of two writer frenemies, one of whom becomes a best-selling success, was overshadowed in the British tabloids at the time of publication by the rumored $800,000 Amis had been paid for it. The author later remarked to an interviewer about his demand for the generous advance: "These things stay with you. For years it was the number one thing people asked about, and it was not my finest hour." But the book's reputation has done just fine: In 2019, the Guardian ranked it his second-best novel (behind "Money"), writing: "The comedy is unsparing but affectionate and the existential angst more acute than ever."

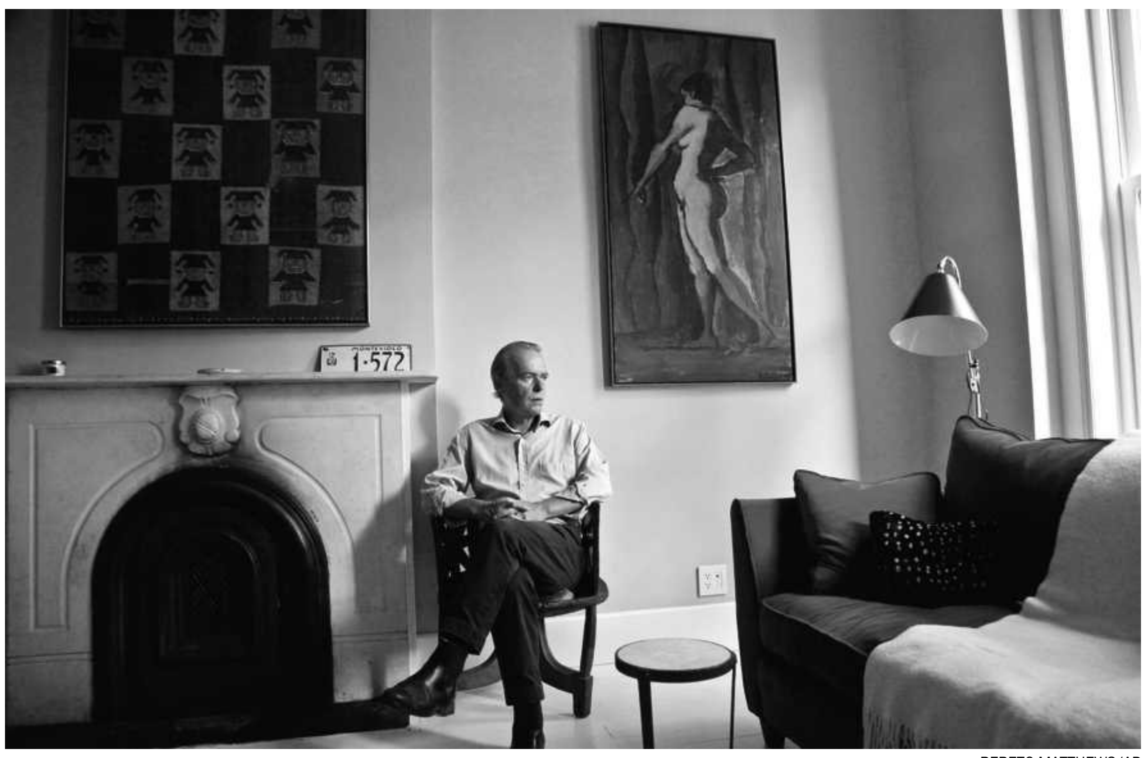
The nonfiction

"The War Against Cliché: Essays and Reviews 1971-2000" (2001). Amis was widely admired by other reviewers for his work as a critic. The Post's Michael Dirda, reviewing this collection, wrote: "Should you happen to be a writer yourself, or — God help you — a literary journalist, you suddenly know, with numbing clarity, just how Salieri felt when Mozart sashayed into Vienna." Amis was an "honest and patient" critic, Dirda wrote, and a stylish one: "Whatever Amis chooses to say about a book or a writer seems just right — and lip-smackingly phrased." This collection includes pieces about Bellow, Nabokov, Kafka, Elmore Leonard and more.

"Experience: A Memoir" (2000). Amis's memoir, loosely structured but beautifully written and revealing, covers his romantic relationships, his many literary friends, his life with his famous father and his equally famous (or infamous) teeth. (The book's index entries for "dental problems" are a literary experience of their own.)

"The Moronic Inferno and Other Visits to America" (1986). In addition to literary profiles, this collection of pieces Amis wrote for magazines and newspapers from the late 1970s through the early 1980s also includes his thoughts on Elvis, Ronald Reagan and Steven Spielberg.

"The Second Plane" (2008). Like many other literary writers in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, Amis produced contentious opinion pieces that were met with, at best, mixed reviews. In the New York Times, Leon Wieseltier wrote of this collection: "The results of Amis's clumsily mixed cocktail of rhetoric and rage can be eccentric, or worse."



BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

The prolific Martin Amis, pictured in 2012, died Friday at 73. Amis's works include novels such as "Money: A Suicide Note" and "London Fields," as well as the book "Experience: A Memoir."

Other fiction

Amis wrote 15 novels over his lifetime. Here's a sampling of The Post's reviews:

"Einstein's Monsters" (1987), reviewed by Bruce Cook. "'Some readers might like to read the introductory essay last or later,' says Martin Amis in an author's note at the beginning of this short, uneven and rather curious book. Writers are always pulling stuff like that. You wonder why, if that's the recommended reading order, he didn't arrange it that way in the first place."

"Yellow Dog" (2003), reviewed by James Hynes. "The novel reads like a midlife crisis, a writer's equivalent of buying a sports car and running off with a woman half his age."

"House of Meetings" (2007), reviewed by Thomas Mallon. "The book gnaws at one's memory. Amis tries to imagine history with the intimacy and specificity that the greatest historical novelists, including Tolstoy, have always presumed to seek for it."

"The Pregnant Widow" (2010), reviewed by The Post's Ron Charles. "In this nakedly autobiographical novel, a handful of topless bombshells and horny college kids spend the summer of 1970 at an Italian castle with nothing to do but plot their next orgasms. The setting is exotic, the subject is erotic, but the story is necrotic."

"Lionel Asbo" (2012), reviewed by Charles. "Here, Amis seems unwilling to exert more effort than it would take to change the channel from 'Jersey Shore' to 'Half Pint Brawlers.' He's ambling years behind The Situation and the Kardashians, serving up blanched stereotypes on the silver platter of his prose as though it contained enough spice to entertain or even shock."

"The Zone of Interest" (2014), reviewed by Tova Reich. "Amis is a wizard possessing the ambition to take on weighty themes, but he is above all a word wizard. … It's signature Amis at his most inventive, and it is precisely through such inspired and irreverent fluency that his dead-serious purpose is realized."

Assorted essays and reviews

"Joan Didion's style," 1980. Dubbing Didion "the poet of the Great Californian Emptiness" in the London Review of Books, Amis both praises her originality and criticizes the "hollow places" of her writing — where it's missing, he argues, social imagination and assured literary references.

"The World According to Spielberg," 1982. Amis confesses to staggering out of the theater, drained of tears, after "E.T.," and says in the Guardian: "The rule is: no one ever lost money underestimating the intelligence of the audience. Spielberg doesn't need to do this because in a sense he is there already, uncynically."

"Jane's World," 1995. Careening from "Four Weddings and a Funeral" to the BBC television adaptation of "Pride and Prejudice," Amis reflects on the '90s wave of the Jane Austen craze — "or more particularly Darcymania" — and the novelist's enduring appeal.

"A rough trade," 2001. Amis reported on the American porn industry for the Guardian. What follows — hilarious, shocking, sometimes appalling — should not be quoted here.

For links to the works mentioned in this article, visit *bit.ly/amis-guide*.

Play touches on the tensions gentrification can set off in Black communities

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Blackness as well," Psalm said. "These are characters who will seem familiar, but we haven't quite seen these takes on these types of characters before. And I think what it does is it subtly or not so subtly shatters certain stereotypical images of the African American experience."

That intention comes through even in works that hew closer to magic realism, such as "Fat Ham." Set in North Carolina, where Ijames grew up, the play takes place in the backyard of a suburban Black family, where a farcical modern-day riff on "Hamlet" unfolds. The Shakespearean parallels extend to the appearance of a dead patriarch popping out of a barbecue grill to demand his son avenge his murder.

"Fat Ham," to be staged by Taylor Reynolds at Studio in October, seems destined to be produced everywhere. The comedy's success is a gratifying milestone for a playwright from Bessemer City, N.C., a community of about 5,500 outside Charlotte, who started out as an actor and had an affinity for language.

"I learned by reading plays, by kind of writing plays that were really bad for a really long time



MARGOT SCHULMAN

From left, Cara Ricketts, Joel Ashur, Johnny Ramey and Deidre Staples in "Good Bones," at Studio Theatre through June 18.

until they got a little better," Ijames said. "And then they got pretty good. And I think I'm still kind of in the 'pretty good' phase."

He's "always on the hunt," he said, for conversations he can use. "I like to listen to the way that people speak. When I was riding the bus in Philly, I used to love putting ear buds in and not listening to anything on them, so that I could eavesdrop. Because it's amazing what people say on public transport. Amazing, the things you can hear!"

The outsize personalities who fill his plays are fictional essences of those who surrounded him in childhood. "I grew up in a big family with big characters. They're larger-than-life people," he said. "I love when I'm watching something, and the turn of phrase is just so unique and surprising. I love that so much, because so much of my life, I grew up with people who spoke in very musical ways, used language in these really like, flowery ways. I think about my grandfather praying, and the way he prayed, it sounded like the King James Bible."

His grandmother, a deaconess in the church the family attended, was in charge of the annual Christmas play. When Ijames was 15, he recalled, she said: "'You're going to write the script for this.' And I did. And I think I was in it, too."

He hemmed and hawed when I asked what it was about — "I was playing with the form!" he protested — then finally fessed up. "It was about this kid who … is on the wrong side of the tracks, but then he gets better, and then he comes to church, and everything's great."

That sunny denouement, actually, is not out of step with the emotional pitch of plays Ijames would write decades later. Take "Fat Ham": It may be inspired by a classical tragedy, but that does not mean it has to end like one. "The script says that the play cracks open into a celebration of the feminine," the playwright said, adding that how a director and cast interpret that is up to them. "And that's enough space for someone like Saheem Ali," director of the Broadway "Fat Ham," "to walk up to that script and go, 'Oh, this is what I've got.'" (What Ali does with the ending, in concert with actor Calvin Leon Smith, is indeed fabulous.)

Ijames says his role models are writers such as Lynn Nottage, whose plays range wildly in style and theme, including satire and social realism. The remark is borne out by "Good Bones," which owes more to August Wilson, and perhaps Lorraine Hansberry, than to William Shakespeare. Cara Ricketts and Joel Ashur bring urbane magnetism to Aisha and Travis, a couple emblematic of the upscale influx: She's a (pregnant) urban planner; he's chef-owner of a chichi haven of modern Southern cooking. ("Down-home tapas," he calls it.)

Their house once belonged to a neighborhood legend, Sister Bernice, and in the eyes of Johnny Ramey's Earl, a contractor and lifelong resident, the homeowners are interlopers (even though he helps them renovate the historic homestead). Though the city is never specified, D.C. certainly fits, as Ijames lucidly diagrams the social tensions. The struggle here is over how much harm is inflicted by an affluent Black couple when they crowd out poorer Black people who have a "richer" claim on local culture and history.

The play itself is an enriching experience, a demonstration of Ijames's dexterity with a conventional, well-made play. In Psalm's staging on Misha Kachman's pleasing rendition of a remodeled kitchen, the performances are all well-etched — particularly Ramey's charismatic provocateur of an Earl. (Deidre Staples is excellent as Earl's younger sister, Carmen.) The scenes unfold with the rewarding worry that, at any moment, events may spin irretrievably out of control. But Ijames is less interested here in explosions than in how communities can change and still hold together — if newcomers with newfound power honor the values of those who have been there all along.

For his part, Ijames said he's not convinced that he's written his best plays yet. "I'm hoping," he said, "that they'll be great one day." They're pretty good now.

Good Bones, by James Ijames. Directed by Psalmayene 24. Set, Misha Kachman; costumes, Moyenda Kulemeka; lighting, William K. D'Eugenio; sound, Megumi Katayama. About 100 minutes. Through June 18 at Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW. *studiotheatre.org*.

'This is not just a hobby for me,' former FBI director Comey says of writing

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People who publish novels can be generally sorted into furtive daydreamers and pragmatic careerists. Comey goes in the second camp. This is not an aspiration he's held close, or for long. He dismissed it when his agents initially pitched him on co-writing a book with James Patterson, and when the editor of "Saving Justice" (his second memoir, after "A Higher Loyalty") suggested he might be good at writing fiction.

"I thought it would be silly, somehow — that I am a nonfiction person," he said, then paused. "Though I don't even know what I mean by that." But writing fiction was "something that I think was tickling the back of his brain," said Comey's wife, Patrice. "It would come up every once in a while, and at some point I realized that maybe he's taking this seriously."

Comey has always loved to write: He contributed to his high school's literary magazine, and reported stories and wrote a humor column for his college paper, thinking he might want to be a journalist. When he wound up in the law, he still found pleasure in the craft — in memos to the FBI workforce or even a long email. He can quote — verbatim, down to the em-dashes — a legal brief he read decades ago, as a clerk.

In good weather, Comey writes on the back porch of his home in McLean, Va., the exterior of which The Washington Post was instructed not to describe in any identifying way. (Mainly, it's large.) Its cream interiors have been dotted for the past several years with the detritus of active grandparenthood. ("Bathroom's around the corner — just kick aside the potty-training gear," Comey instructed on the way into his home office.) He and Patrice are on babysitting duty a few evenings a week. He declared at least twice that, because of the time he gets to spend with the children, "getting fired was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Comey's novels — plural; he's already finished the draft of a sequel — are a family affair: The heroine of "Central Park West," Nora Carleton, includes aspects of all his daughters but owes a particular debt to his eldest, Maurene, who like Nora is tall, in her early-to-mid-30s and a prosecutor in the Southern District of New York. Comey first thought of the protagonist as a younger version of himself but found it more fun to write using someone else as his inspiration — though the method has its hazards: "The kids are a little creeped out," he said. "Well, 'creeped out' is a strong word — it's just that they know that they'll be asked about it." (Asked about it, the Comey children declined to be interviewed.)

From the start, the novels have been a collaborative effort: "The ideas are all Patrice," Comey said. She comes up with the initial story — in "Central Park West," a mob capo tells Nora he has intel that would derail the murder trial of a politician's ex-wife — they hammer out the plot points together, and then he goes away and writes. She marks up the work, sometimes telling him, "You're drifting your characters. They're starting to sound like each other," or typing into the document roughly what she thinks they should say, for him to fine-tune. They talk over where to plant various clues: "That was the subject of a lot of debate and rewriting," Comey said. "How much do we need to show so that at the end a reader will say: 'Okay, yeah, that was fair. He didn't trick me. He didn't mess with me.'"

The way Comey talks about moving through the world feels like something out of old Welsh lore, which tells of a king so tall that his head was in the clouds and his friends' voices had to compete with the winds.

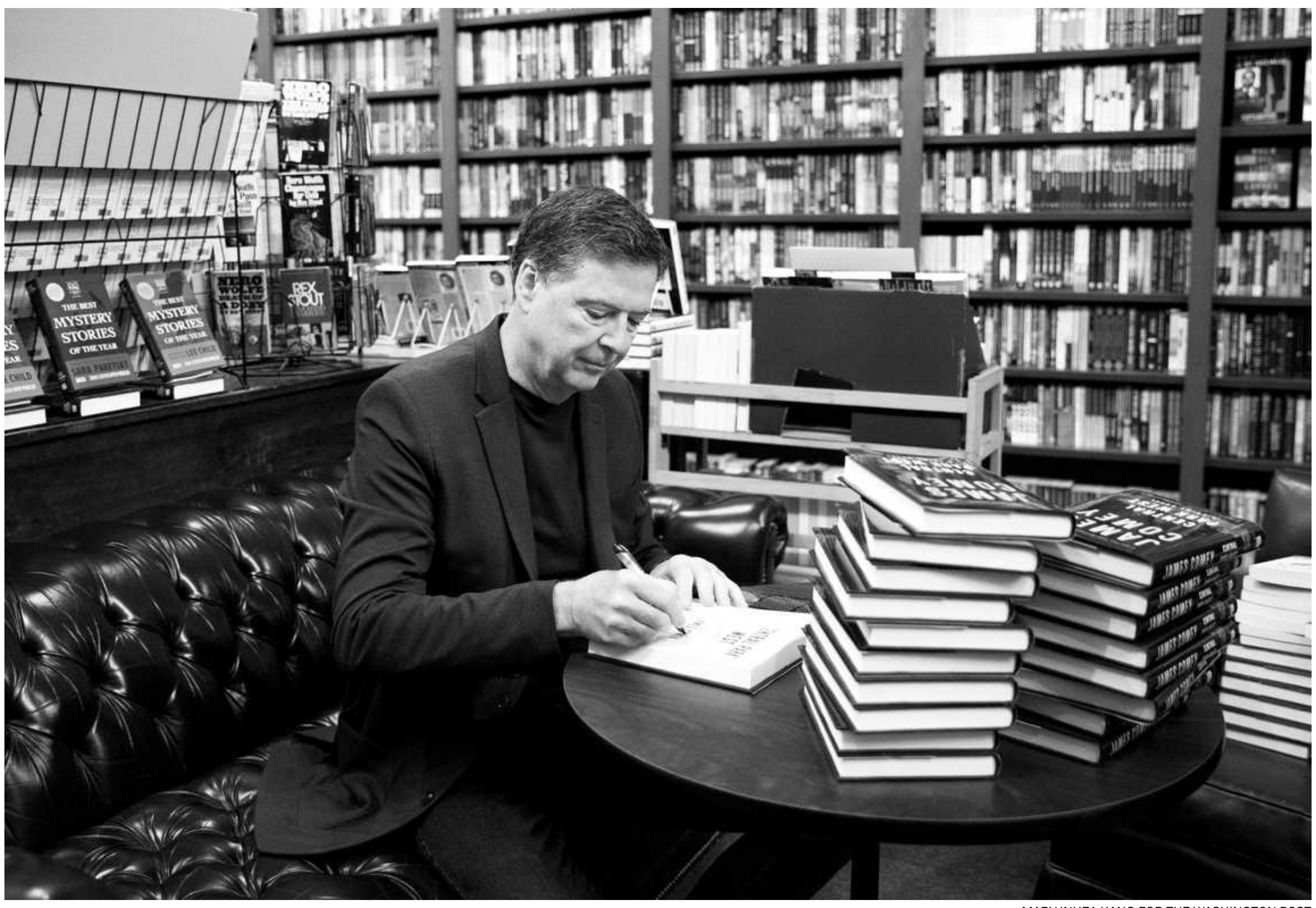
"The more prominent people get," he said, "the harder it is for them to hear the truth, especially about themselves." He gives his fiction to concentric circles of readers he can trust to be candid: After Patrice, his five children — "they love you enough to tell you when you suck" — and then, widening out, some close friends. Only then does the draft go to the professionals.

Mysterious Press might seem like an odd literary home for someone with Comey's public profile. His nonfiction books were published by Flatiron, an imprint at Macmillan, one of publishing's Big Five. Mysterious Press, an imprint of Penzler Publishers, is storied but small and focused, publishing about a dozen books a year; its founder and president, Otto Penzler, is an editor's editor. Macmillan had more than a million copies of "A Higher Loyalty" in print within a week of its release. Mysterious Press has ordered 50,000 copies — quite a lot by its standards — as the first run for "Central Park West."

"I told the printer, 'Make sure you have enough paper, because I'm expecting to do another 50,'" Penzler said during a phone interview. It will probably be the imprint's biggest release this year, the company's publisher, Charles Perry, told me at the Edgars dinner. The other heavy hitters are a Christmas novella and a post-Soviet thriller slated for June — "and I hope it'll be half as big as [Comey's]," Perry said, with a half-smile.

"It's a signal to the world that I'm not doing this as a, 'He's taking up stamp collecting, how nice,'" Comey said of choosing Penzler's outfit. Penzler puts it this way: "I am fairly famous for being a pain in the ass. I want everything to be absolutely right, and I'm not afraid to tell you about it."

Comey's initial pitch was for a book focused on law enforcement and race, set in Richmond, where he served as assistant U.S. attorney for five years. With everything that's happened since, it's easy to forget that he first made headlines as FBI director for endorsing the "Ferguson effect" (though he didn't embrace the term itself), positing that increased public scrutiny had made police officers more hesitant, leading to a higher incidence of violent crime. That preoccupation hums in the background of both his previous books: what he calls the "separate parallel lines" of law enforcement and the Black community in America — how they're "arcing away from each other" and what it would take to "help bend the lines back."



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James Comey signs copies of his novel, "Central Park West," at the Mysterious Book Shop in New York.

Penzler passed on the manuscript, for reasons he prefers not to articulate, but he liked the idea of a novel drawing on Comey's experience with the mafia. ("Let's just say I'm a New Yorker, and so the New York thing appealed to me more," Penzler said. "Can we leave it at that?") Comey sketched out a scenario for what would eventually become "Central Park West" and had a first draft ready within six months.

Not much about Comey's novel is surprising, once you've gotten over any surprise that it exists. "Central Park West" could double as a DOJ recruitment ad. The good guys are racially diverse, with flawed but fundamentally sturdy family lives. The bad guys have simple motivations, such as power and passion. The dads long to reconcile with their sons. The criminals live by a code. The hero's instincts — especially about the true gravity of a lonely fact — are sound. Like all mysteries, his novel promises that the world is knowable.

Plus: "The book has no politics whatsoever," Penzler said. (At the suggestion of Luisa Cruz Smith — Mysterious Press's editor in chief and a co-editor of the book — they cut the party affiliation of the governor who is murdered on Page 4.)

Comey had a "bring it on" attitude when it came to edits, according to Smith, eager to improve. At their first lunch to talk through the draft, Penzler told him outright that, of the first 40 pages, half were unnecessary: "You know, you walk past a building, it's the Thurgood Marshall building, and 'Well, he was a member of the Supreme Court, he was the first Black justice' — I don't need a history lesson!" He told Comey what he'd told so many other authors: "*Don't show off everything that you know.*"

Comey has staked his career on the question of disclosure. It seems like everyone in America has been angry with him, at some point, for his decisions about what to reveal, and when — for his seemingly imperturbable certainty when it comes to the proper pace of revelation.

What do you tell people, and when, so that they feel satisfied — or at least not betrayed? By pursuing mystery-writing — "until," he says, "I'm old and foolish" — he seems likely to circle that question all his life.

Mystery writers are a sociable bunch, regularly gathering at a circuit of networking events: Left Coast Crime, Sleuthfest, New England Crime Bake. They trade blurbs and reviews, yes, but also edit anthologies, speak on panels, teach workshops. Part literary citizenship, part publicity hustle. It doesn't much resemble what Comey (depending on your viewpoint) either enjoyed or endured back in the spring of 2018: the prime-time gantlet, the Trump tweets, the book party at the now-defunct Newseum. Anticipation for that first memoir was so high, and so heated, that Amazon had to limit online reviews to verified buyers.

Comey's certainly signed up for his share of industry appearances, including a talk ("Insider's View of the FBI") at ThrillerFest XVIII, a convention in New York. When he says he wants to write mysteries for a living, he can't mean it literally — five years ago, Town & Country estimated his net worth to be around $14 million — but he seems to mean it seriously. "He's the hardest-working author we have," Penzler said. "A lot of them will turn down a reading if they think they'll only sell 50 copies." Comey's still very much the man who refused to cut in line at the FBI cafeteria, and also the man who told us that, in his memoir.

His next mystery will take place at a fictional version of the world's biggest hedge fund, inspired by his stint as general counsel at Bridgewater Associates. The one after that will probably focus on terrorism. "D.C., to me, is so toxic right now that I'm not ready to go there," Patrice said. "I like staying in New York for a while." But yes, Comey said, there will inevitably be a Washington arc, maybe something set in the world of defense contractors. Finally, then, he might get to return to the idea that started this whole thing, that novel set in Richmond: "There are really interesting questions, I think, to explore there about policing."

That night at the Edgars, Comey clapped for all of the nominees. He asked questions about best practices for in-person book signings and learned exactly what makes a mystery "cozy." When a judge for the "best novel" category approached and said that he'd been working on a book based in D.C. — "Your story, and some other things, have been the inspiration; I'd love to send it to you" — Comey kept his expression immaculately neutral and handed over his personal email address. Earlier, someone chatting up the Mysterious Press staff had turned to him and asked, with all apparent innocence, "So — are you a writer, too?," and a smile broke across Comey's face.

When the party was over, and others filled their Poe tote bags with books to take home, Comey folded his corner to corner and presented it to Smith. Then he walked off, strides long and loose, looking remarkably unburdened.

Fear of being alone causes hesitation in leaving union in which both cheated

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I am in a five-year marriage that I feel is more like a roommate situation. We hardly ever do things together. Our sexual relationship is almost nonexistent. (I'm just not interested in being intimate with him anymore.)

He has cheated a few times. I cheated only one time, and that was to get back at him. I know two wrongs don't make a right, but since the infidelity, I often find myself not trusting him.

I'm torn up deciding what to do about this relationship. We have trust issues, and now I feel as if we're growing apart. I care about him, but I'm not in love with him like I used to be. I'm tired of arguing with him every day and want some peace and happiness in my life.

I know therapy is what most people would suggest, but I already know what therapists are going to say, so that's why I don't go. Because of all the issues and the gaslighting that goes on I feel like it's time to call things off (he sort of agrees with me), but I can't seem to leave.

The fear of being alone keeps me here. I do know that the times when he's out of the house, I am a lot happier. Friends have told me they've noticed this. I wonder what to do.

— Lonely But Not Lonely

Lonely: You say you and your husband are roommates, but many roommates have more honest and intimate relationships than you two seem to have, because, if they're friends, roommates tell each other their stories.

If you truly know what a therapist will tell you, then you could save yourself a co-pay and be your own therapist — deeply exploring your behavior and motivations and doing the hard work and truth-telling to get closer to the peace and happiness you seek. A good therapist can also help you to break up peacefully.

You seem to be mainly reactive — responding to your husband's infidelity by revenge-cheating, and reacting to your uncertainty and lack of trust by keeping him at arm's length. You and your husband should have an honest conversation, starting with these questions: Do we want to stay together? If so, how are we going to change to be together?

If you do want to stay together, then you both need to commit wholeheartedly to complete emotional and material transparency regarding your behavior as individuals and as a couple. Fear of being alone is the worst reason to stay in a marriage.

Dear Amy: I retired at 62 and consider the ability to do so a blessing. In the lead-up to this momentous event, I alerted family and friends of my decision, which yielded a barrage of unsolicited warnings that my body would wither, and my brain turn to an inoperative mush.

Now that I am retired and living in a new community, I am questioned incessantly by apparently well-meaning people about what I do all day, as if enjoying my leisure is a crime. In fact, I am researching my genealogy, reading, investing, catching up remotely on long-neglected relationships, and enjoying the life I worked 40 years to afford. In truth, I don't need to explain myself to anyone, but apparently some justification is expected.

Have you any insights on how to approach these invasive comments?

— Life Is Good

Life Is Good: It's possible that people are asking you how you spend your time, not to accuse you of the crime of enjoying your leisure (how dare you!), but because they're genuinely curious.

The kindest response is to assume they are being genuine. You can say, "After retirement, I'm exploring all of those things that have fascinated me, but which I never had time for. Honestly, I enjoy every day."

If you discern that people are actually searching for a path to denigrate you, you could add: "… and I play a lot of mini-golf and eat ice cream for dinner. Basically, I'm Ferris Bueller, and every day is a day off."

Dear Amy: You answered a question from "Judgmental Teen," who always judged others based on their clothes.

As a retired police officer I have to say that you were correct when you stated that your first judgment of someone should concern your own safety.

— Retired PO

Retired: I pointed out that there are very good reasons to listen to one's instincts. I hope this teen learns to modulate her own.

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The lasting influence of gossip blogs

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ny. It also takes an up-close look at one of the most prolific bloggers from that era and how her life was shaped by the experience.

As millions of users began to spend more time online in the 2000s, they increasingly turned to blogs as a default medium for entertainment and news. At the same time, the reality-TV boom and tabloid culture were colliding, democratizing fame and forever altering the public's perception of who was notable — and worthy of scrutiny.

In New York, this meant that parties and events that were once documented only in a newspaper's society pages, if at all, were suddenly being chronicled online through Patrick McMullan photos and a burgeoning group of blogs such as Gawker and Socialite Rank, which tirelessly documented the escapades of the city's most privileged women. Manhattan heiresses were suddenly thrust in front of a global audience on the internet.

These blogs wove storylines, often vicious ones, pitting women against one another and concocting drama out of thin air. Two of the most notable socialites at the time were Tinsley Mortimer and Olivia Palermo. Mortimer was a blond Southern debutante who had married the heir to an oil fortune. Palermo was a young, blue-blooded New School student who hailed from Greenwich, Conn. The two were often spoken about in opposition to each other in a manufactured war meant to keep readers of Socialite Rank, a society blog run by two Russian émigrés, hooked.

After threats of litigation shut Socialite Rank down, Park Avenue Peerage, a competing blog run by an 18-year-old in Illinois, took up the mantle. "Queenmaker" details that college student's transition from scruffy, awkward teenager to Morgan Olivia Rose, a trans woman working as a sex worker in Chicago. It documents the ways in which her life was forever altered by the women and cultural forces she blogged about.

"Morgan is so emblematic of trans life for me," said Drucker, who is also a trans woman. "She felt very familiar to me immediately. And the question of this film was always what ratio is the socialite world to Morgan's story, and it was a weaving of the two and figuring out how to create balance and counterbalance."

Rose details her struggles in the years during and after running Park Avenue Peerage and the toll it took on her psychologically. After landing an internship at New York Magazine, she traveled to the Hamptons to work for a woman in PR. There, she dealt with racism and eventually returned home to Chicago, crestfallen and confused about her place in the world.

The landscape of New York City socialites, meanwhile, seemed glamorous, but there was a dark side. Mortimer was told that the job of being a socialite was like performing in a silent movie: Women were to be seen, but never heard.

"You had this era when women were not able to articulate their oppression," Drucker said. "The way that manifested in the aughts was outright fat-shaming, this paradigm of beauty centering around being emaciated, being a model. You had women being applauded for looking skeletal. ... It's still so omnipresent off camera, of course, but the ways that the women talk about themselves are so tainted by that trauma." Socialites were viciously lambasted online for not being thin enough, or beautiful enough, with hordes of commenters and bloggers tearing apart their every move.

One of the most famed bloggers of the era was Emily Gould, a writer at the website Gawker. In the film, she revisits the sometimes cruel stories she wrote. As a young woman, Gould was also subject to relentless misogyny. At one point in "Queenmaker," Gould is shown in a 2007 CNN clip, arguing with Jimmy Kimmel (who was guest-hosting "Larry King Live") about the changing notions of privacy and the internet when Gould gives prescient analysis of the internet's effect on the world.



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Morgan Olivia Rose started Park Avenue Peerage, a blog that chronicled the comings and goings of Manhattan's elite as they ventured from red carpets to charity balls, in the late aughts.

"I think that there's a shifting definition of what is public and what is private space for everyone, not just celebrities," Gould tells Kimmel. "The internet, blogs, Myspace, no one has the reasonable expectation of being able to walk down the street and not have what they're doing be noticed by someone anymore."

Kimmel talks over her in the remaining seconds of the show.

"I love that relic of Emily Gould," Drucker said. "It's a great moment of encapsulating the misogyny that women were vulnerable to and the things that were happening around them. [Gould] really represents the future in that moment, and these dusty men represent the past. I think that film represents that shift and the cultural shift that everyone has been part of."

Drucker said that filming the documentary in 2021 allowed many of its subjects a level of perspective and distance from the events of the aughts, which ultimately allowed them to reflect more heavily on their own role in the system. After surviving the first year of the coronavirus pandemic, Drucker said, people were willing to be more gracious and to forgive old enemies.

Ultimately, it is Rose's story that stands apart from the other women's, her struggles showing the deep systemic hurdles that trans women face.

"All of us look to heroines and archetypes as our models to create a sense of self," Drucker said. "For Morgan, that was these women. Morgan really did reinvent herself."

Drucker said the film "exposes the ugly face of sexism and how truly vicious it was."

Her goal with "Queenmaker," she said, "was to really pull back the curtain and say, 'This is where we're coming from. This is recent history. This is within our adult lives. This is how women were being talked about, and women were being told to shut up.' It's crucial that women today, that young women today, know that's where we're coming from."

Centering a trans woman as part of that story is even more crucial today, Drucker said, when trans people across America are facing increased online bigotry and hate while fighting for equal rights in the face of restrictive laws.

Drucker said she hopes viewers watch the movie and realize that the rights that have been earned should not be taken for granted. "That's what the trans movement is carrying towards," Drucker said, "for women, but for men, too, who are also hurt by the patriarchy. We're fighting for gender justice for everyone."

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Monica (R) 3:25-7:45
Master Gardener (R) 3:35-7:15
The Starling Girl (R) 3:00-7:00

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Fast X (PG-13) 3:30-7:00-10:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:50-9:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:10-11:40-12:10-1:40-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-6:40-7:40-8:40-10:10
Hypnotic (R) 2:20-5:00-7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:20-9:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:10-6:10-9:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:20-2:10-4:55-7:45-10:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-6:50
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:30AM
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:40-9:40
Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:30-4:00-4:30-6:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) OC: 3:10
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 5:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Black Legion (1937) (NR) 7:00
Employees' Entrance (1933) (NR) 3:20
Documentary Film Program (NR) 12:20-7:05
Thunder on the Hill (NR) 5:00
BlackBerry (R) 4:40-9:05
Polite Society (PG-13) 2:20-9:00
R.M.N. 1:10
The Eight Mountains 3:50
Other People's Children 6:45
Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933) (NR) 1:15

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:50-2:00-4:00-4:45-5:15-7:00-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-6:45
Hypnotic (R) CC: 5:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:30-4:20-7:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:30-8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:10

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:00-1:10-2:10-4:20-5:20-7:30-8:30-10:40
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:00-12:20-1:20-3:40-4:40-7:00-8:00-10:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 10:00AM
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 10:00-11:20-1:45-4:10-6:40-9:05
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:10-9:45
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:40-6:00-9:20
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:00AM
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 10:20-1:00-3:50-6:30-9:10
Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:20-9:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:15-6:50
Hypnotic (R) 12:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) 10:30

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:50-2:15-4:00-5:30-7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:00-3:50-6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:10-7:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 6:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:10-4:30-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:45-7:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 3:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:00
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:45-4:45-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:25-6:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 4:10-6:40-9:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:50-5:50-8:50
BlackBerry (R) CC: 6:20-9:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 4:20-6:50-9:20
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 3:20
Sisu (R) CC: 4:10-9:35
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 3:10
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:40-8:40
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:00-8:30

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-6:00-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:45-2:30-5:15-6:15-8:45-9:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 5:30-8:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 10:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Master Gardener (R) 1:30-7:15
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:30-4:00-7:30-10:45
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 12:00-3:15-6:30-10:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 10:15
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 4:15
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:20-6:45-10:15
Over My Dead Body 4:15-10:15
Carmen (R) CC: 1:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:00-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:30-2:30-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:30-9:30-10:30; 3:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:30-3:15-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:15-8:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:30-4:15-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) 2:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:00-8:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:00-5:00-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15-6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:45-4:15-8:00
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45-5:15-7:00-8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:45-1:30-4:20-5:00-7:45-8:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 6:25-8:50
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 1:15-7:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:45-8:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:15-6:00-8:40
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 2:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:15-5:15-7:00-7:45-8:45
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:45-8:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:00-3:30-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:05-5:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:30
It Ain't Over (PG) CC: 4:45-7:15
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:15-4:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:00-3:55-6:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:30-6:45
Air (R) CC: 3:00-6:45
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 4:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:00-5:45-8:30
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 6:00

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Fast X (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50; 1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 10:15-10:30-11:15-11:20-12:05-12:30-1:30-1:50-2:30-2:40-3:25-3:45-4:45-5:10-5:45-6:00-6:45-7:00-8:00-9:00-9:20-10:05-10:15-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 11:45-3:30-7:15-11:00; 10:10-11:00-12:35-2:00-2:45-4:20-5:05-5:50-6:35-8:05-8:50-9:35-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:20
Fast X (PG-13) XD: 1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:40-1:10
BlackBerry (R) 10:45AM
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 1:45-6:15-9:50
Sisu (R) 10:00-12:30-3:00-7:25-9:55
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 8:30
Bichagadu 2 2:25-9:30
Pichaikkaran 2 10:55-6:00
2018 (Malayalam) 3:40-7:20-10:50
Fast X (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:10-3:20-6:55-10:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:30-3:15-7:05-10:55
Hypnotic (R) 3:35-7:10-9:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:05-10:25-11:10-12:05-12:55-1:40-2:35-4:10-5:05-6:50-7:35-9:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:20-1:05-3:55-6:40-9:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Fast X (PG-13) 2:00-2:40-3:40-4:20-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:20-8:00-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:00-4:40-8:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:20-6:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:20
Carole King: Home Again - Live in Central Park 6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 7:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 3:30-6:45-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:15; 4:00-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:10-5:15-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 3:45-6:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:45-6:20
Master Gardener (R) 4:30-7:10
Air (R) 4:10

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Cape Fear (1991) (R) 1:30-7:30
Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-1:30-4:00-4:30-7:00-7:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:15-1:45-2:15-3:30-4:25-4:55-6:30-7:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) 5:25
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:20-3:50-7:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:50-4:15-7:10
Air (R) 1:00-4:20-7:30

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 7:15
Master Gardener (R) 7:00

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:45-6:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-3:30-6:05-8:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:30-4:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 6:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Fast X (PG-13) 11:15-11:45-12:45-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-4:00-4:45-5:15-5:45-7:15-8:00-8:30-9:00
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 11:40-2:55-6:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 1:40-5:35
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00-2:00-2:35-3:05-3:35-4:35-5:35-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-9:00-9:25-9:55
Hypnotic (R) 6:15-8:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:10-1:40-4:15-6:50-9:35
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:35
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:10-3:00-5:50-8:40
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 9:20
BlackBerry (R) 11:20-2:20-5:20-8:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:50-3:30-6:10-8:50
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 11:05-2:35-6:05-9:35
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00
Fool's Paradise (R) 3:35
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:00-6:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:05

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Fast X (PG-13) 12:50-1:20-1:50-2:40-3:30-4:10-4:40-5:10-6:10-6:50-7:30-8:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 4:00-7:40
Hypnotic (R) 8:25
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:15
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:00-3:40-6:30
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 12:55-4:20-8:00
Fool's Paradise (R) 1:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:30

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-2:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-6:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:15-4:10-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:20-12:50-1:30-3:50-5:20-7:20-7:50-9:00
Hypnotic (R) 5:40-8:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:10-4:40-7:00-9:40
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:20-4:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) 6:50-9:20
Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-3:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-6:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:20

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:10-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:50-9:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:10-4:00-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:55-12:50-3:20-4:15-6:10-6:50-9:40
Hypnotic (R) 1:30-6:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00-1:15-3:50-6:20-8:50
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-1:30-4:20-7:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:00-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45-7:50

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 11:40-12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-3:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 6:20
Hypnotic (R) 8:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:50-2:40-5:20-7:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:40-3:50-5:10-7:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:20-4:20-7:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 11:45-2:30-5:40-8:20
Air (R) 11:55-1:50-4:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 12:20
IB 71 2:50-7:30

Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Fast X (PG-13) 11:50-3:20-6:50
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 6:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 5:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:10-12:30-1:20-2:30-4:50-6:00-7:10-8:20
Hypnotic (R) 4:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:30-12:40-2:10-3:30-5:00-6:10-7:40-8:40
Love Again (PG-13) 11:40-2:40
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:40
Fast X (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-12:50-1:50-2:50-3:50-4:20-5:20-6:20-7:20-7:50-8:50

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-12:30-2:10-3:10-3:40-4:20-5:30-6:30-7:00-7:40-8:40-9:40-10:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:10-3:10-5:40-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-11:50-12:20-3:20-4:00-6:20-6:50-7:20-10:10
Hypnotic (R) 11:10-1:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:40-11:40-1:10-2:00-3:40-6:10-8:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 4:30-7:10-9:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-7:10-10:00
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 10:30-1:40-5:00-8:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:50-9:50

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Fast X (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-7:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:20-12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-4:50-7:50-8:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
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Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 1:40-5:00-8:30
Fast X (PG-13) 12:40-1:10-4:00-4:30-7:30-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:20

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Rio Bravo (NR) 1:00-4:00-7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 10:50-2:20-6:20-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-2:40-3:40-6:00-7:00-9:20
Hypnotic (R) 11:35-4:45-9:55
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:40-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30
Fast X (PG-13) 10:20-11:00-12:10-12:50-1:30-2:10-3:20-4:05-4:40-5:20-6:30-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:25-1:05-4:15-6:45-9:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:55-7:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:20-4:50-8:10

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11830 Grand Park Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) (!) 2:30-3:15-6:00-6:45-9:30-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:00-6:15-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:50-3:45-6:30-7:00-10:00-10:30
Hypnotic (R) 3:30-7:15-10:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:45-7:30-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:45-7:45-11:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:50-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:30-8:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:30-4:30-7:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:15-5:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-3:40-6:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:50-2:35-5:10
Air (R) CC: 2:40-7:40
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 2:35-7:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:00-5:30-8:10

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 8:00; 5:15; 2:45-6:00-9:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 2:45-8:45
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:00-7:00-9:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-3:30-4:45-5:30-7:00-8:15-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-8:15-9:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:00-6:45
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 6:00
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 2:00-6:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-9:45
Master Gardener (R) 4:00-7:00-9:45
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:45-7:00-10:15
Sisu (R) CC: 6:30
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 3:00-8:45
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 4:00-9:00
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Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Evil Dead Rise (R) 10:00-11:35-5:25-8:00-10:35
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The Kerala Story (Hindi) 2:10
Bichagadu 2 2:30
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:30-2:20-3:10-4:00

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671 North Glebe Road
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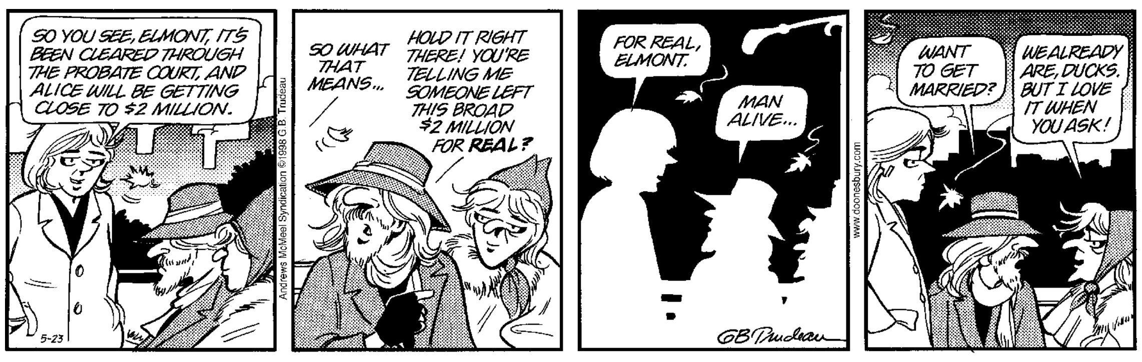
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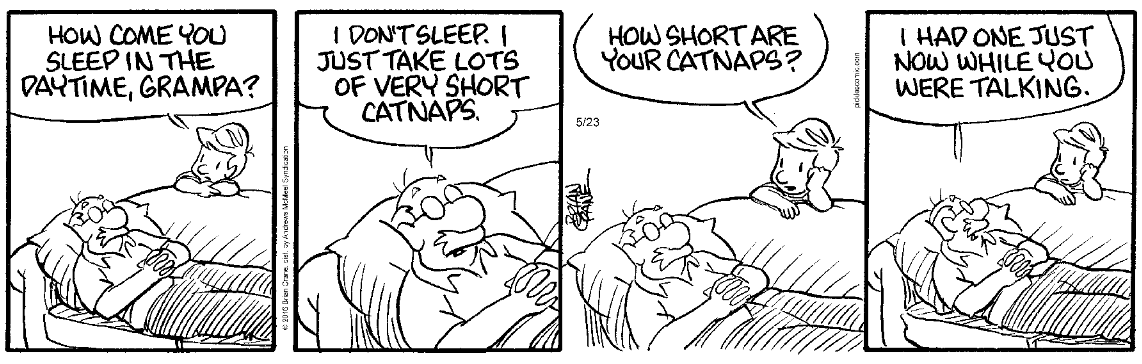
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14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
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Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 1:00-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:50-1:40-3:10
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 6:00-8:50
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:25-5:00
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:20

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:20-2:30-4:40-7:00

CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 8 4
♣ J 7 3 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ 9 5 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ Q 10 6 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ K J 7
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

My friend the English professor is always coming up with descriptive new words. He says some of his partners are "errorists": always wrong.

In a penny game, the prof was today's North and judged to pull South's 3NT to four hearts. South won the first spade with the king, led a trump to dummy and tried a diamond to his jack. West took the queen, led a trump to dummy, won the next diamond and led a third trump. That left South with a diamond and a club to lose: down one.

"My partner began 'blamestorming,'" the prof told me. "He said I'd have won nine easy tricks at 3NT. I issued a 'fauxpology' — an insincere one."

"I can't blame you," I said.

North might have passed 3NT, but South should make four hearts. He leads the king of diamonds at Trick Two, wins West's trump return and leads the jack of diamonds. South can win the next trump and ruff his last diamond in dummy to assure 10 tricks.

By the way, do you think a trump opening lead beats four hearts?

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ Q J 10 8 ♥ 6 5 2
♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ 9 8

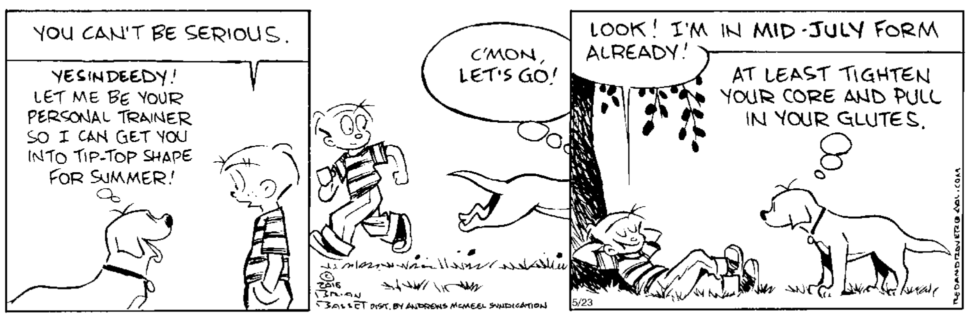
The dealer, at your left, opens two hearts (weak). Your partner doubles, and the next player raises to three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner suggests opening values — quite possibly more since his double might have obliged you to act at the three level — plus support for the unbid suits. Bid four spades. You would bid three spades to compete if your queen of spades were a low spade.

— Frank Stewart

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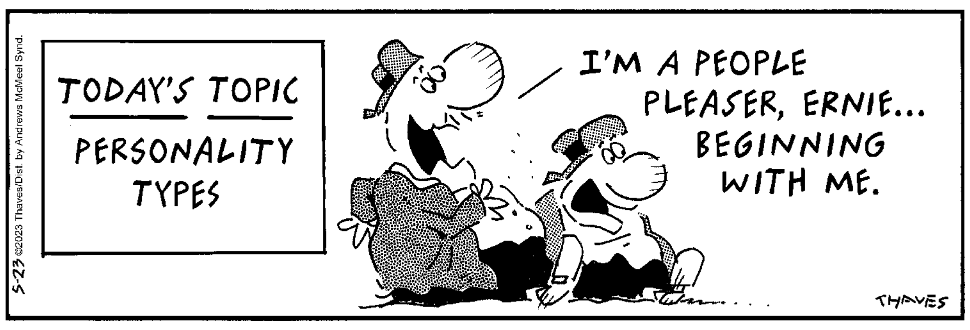
RED AND ROVER
BRIAN BASSET



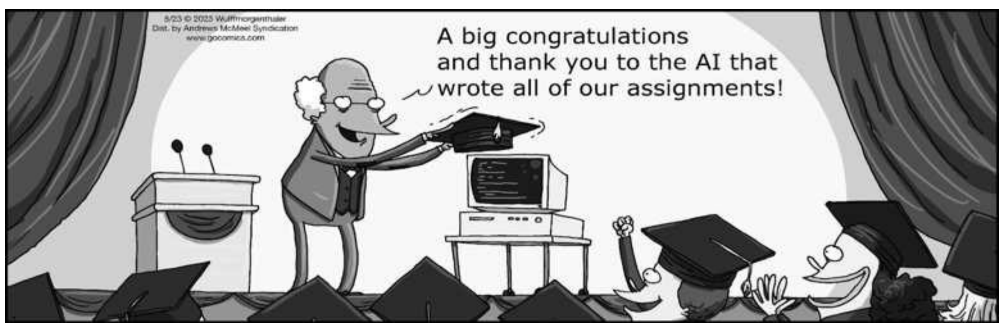
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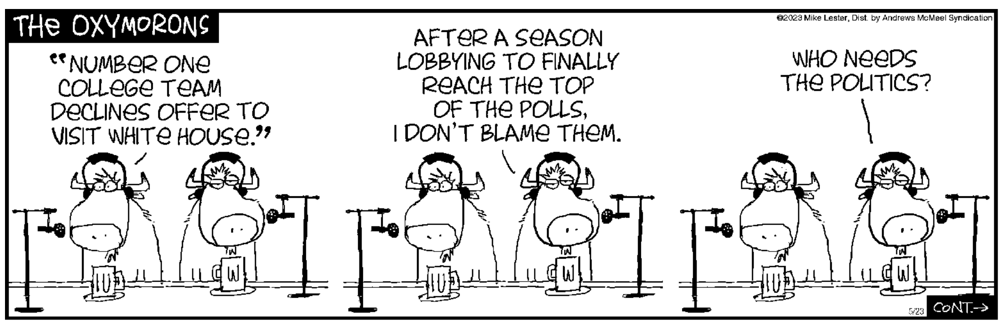
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MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER



CLASSIC PEANUTS
CHARLES SCHULZ



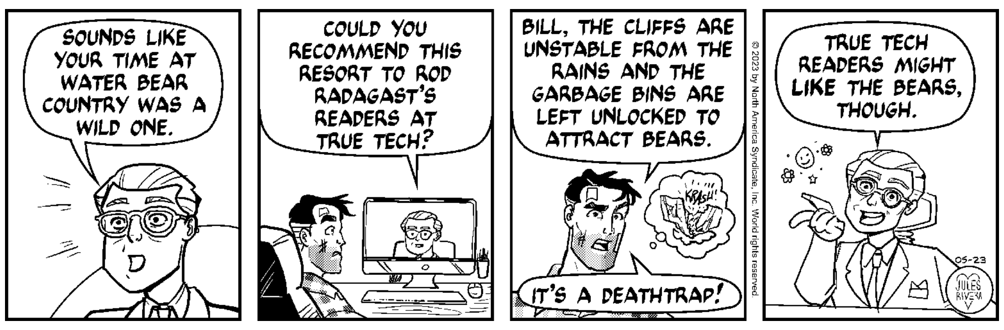
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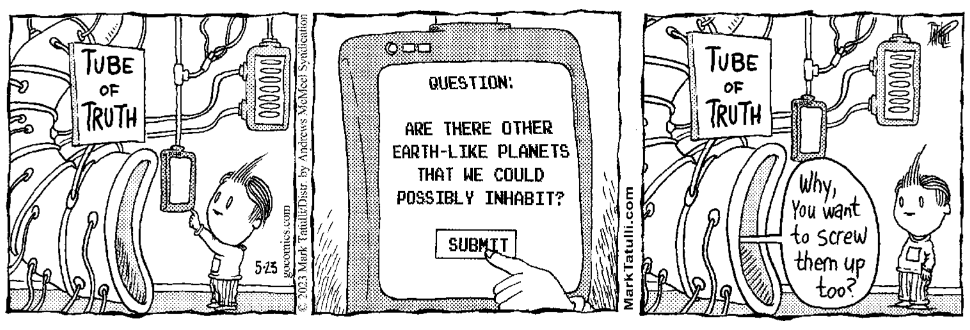
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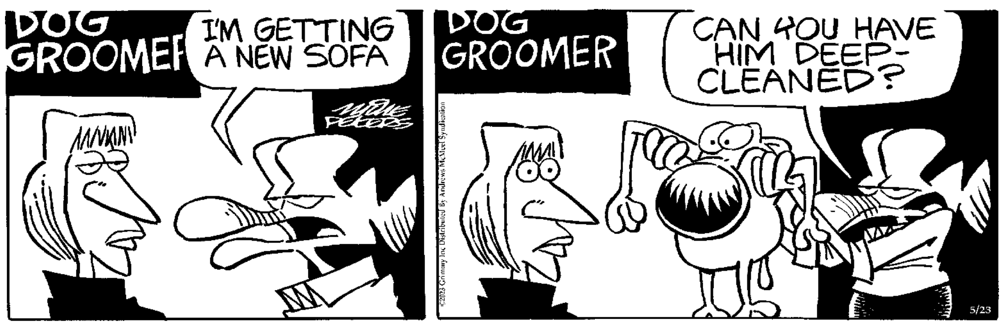
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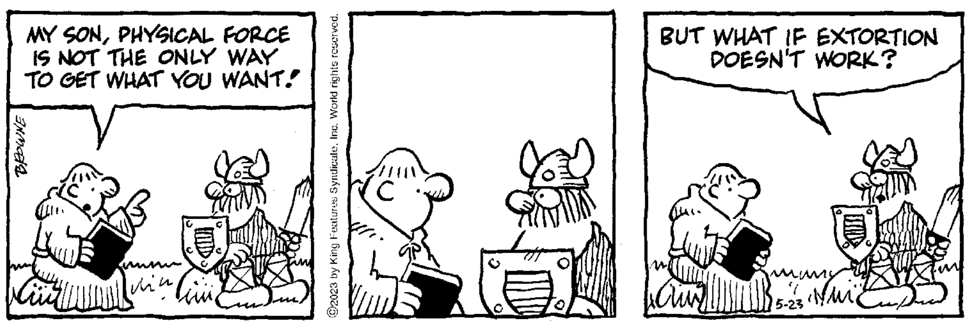
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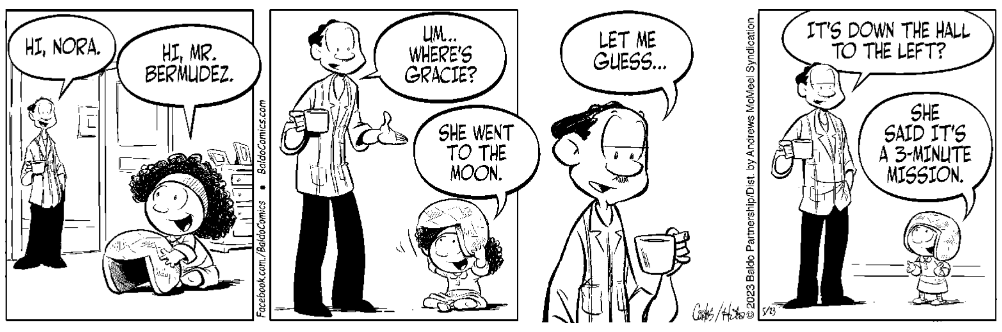
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM
MIKE PETERS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
CHRIS BROWNE



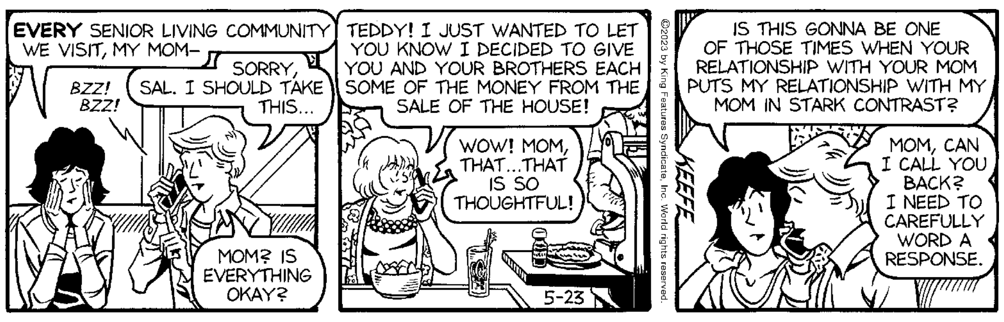
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HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



BLONDIE
DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

							4	
5	1	6		4				
	3	4	1	7	6	2		
				1		5	2	3
		1		8		9		
9	6	5		3				
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				2		4	5	7
	7							

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SCRABBLE GRAMS

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RACK 1: A1 O1 O1 L1 P3 R1 C3 — 3rd Letter Double

RACK 2: A1 A1 U1 C3 L1 T1 F4 — Triple Word Score

RACK 3: A1 E1 I1 U1 L1 B3 B3

RACK 4: A1 E1 I1 Y4 D2 D2 S1

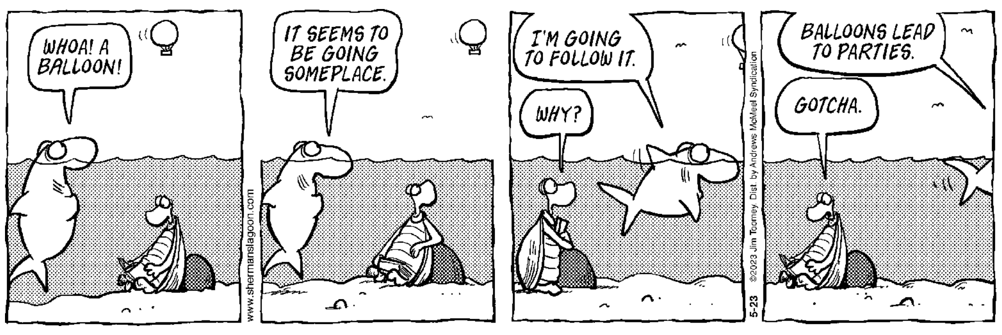
PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 220
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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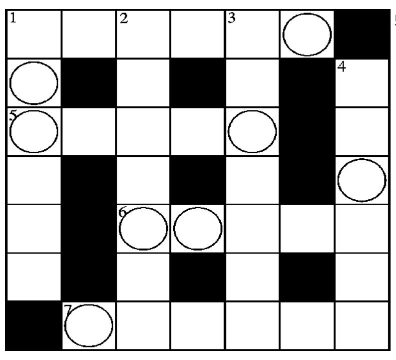
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
JIM TOOMEY



CURTIS
RAY BILLINGSLEY



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



5-23-23

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ACROSS CLUE	ANSWER
1. Assortment	DYEMLE
5. Type of restaurant	NEIDR
6. Perfect	LIEDA
7. ____ electricity	SITCTA

DOWN CLUE	ANSWER
1. Humble	DMTOSE
2. Tooth doctor	NTSDIET
3. Sincere	SENAERT
4. Slanted typeface	LTAICI

BONUS

CLUE: This actress' last name at birth was Kappelhoff.

ANSWERS: 1A-Medley 5A-Diner 6A-Ideal 7A-Static 1D-Modest 2D-Dentist 3D-Earnest 4D-Italic B-Doris Day

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BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!
TIM RICKARD



MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL



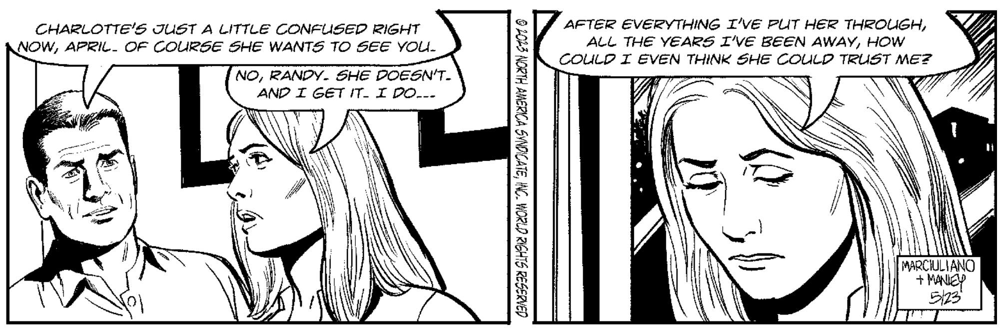
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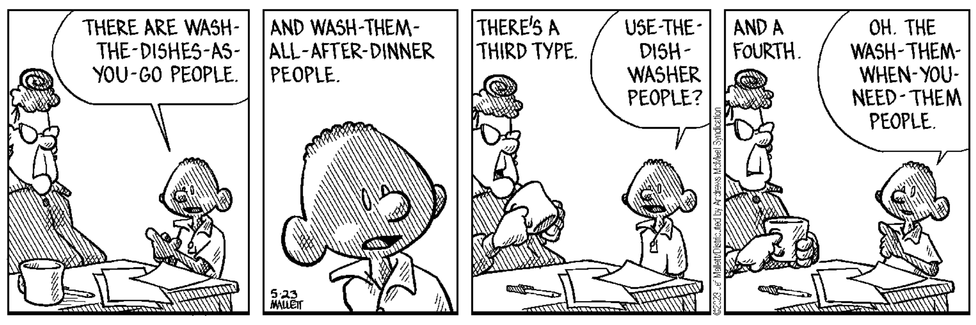
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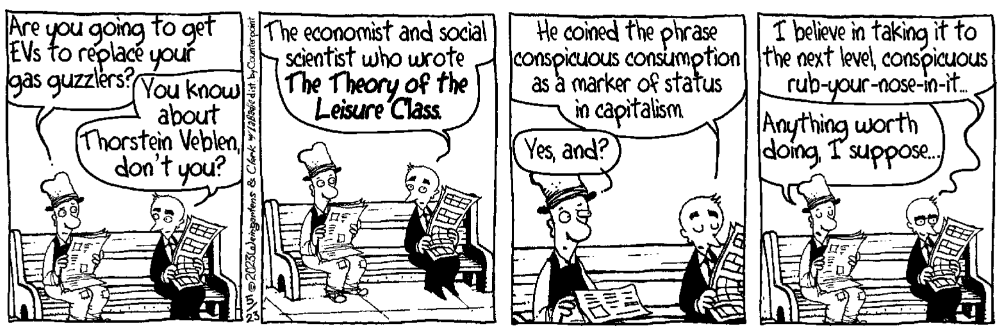
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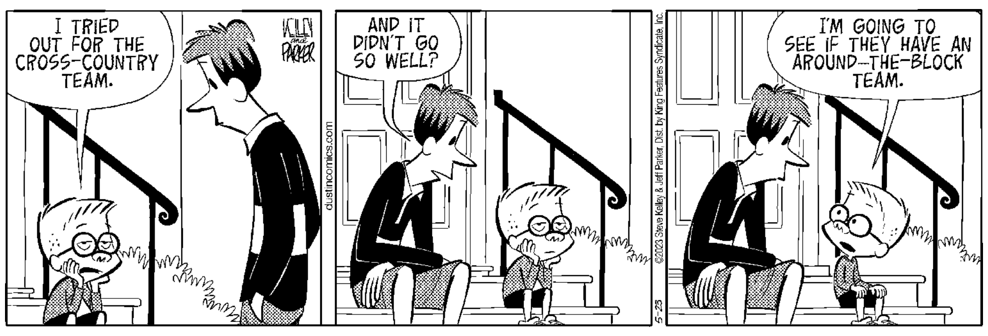
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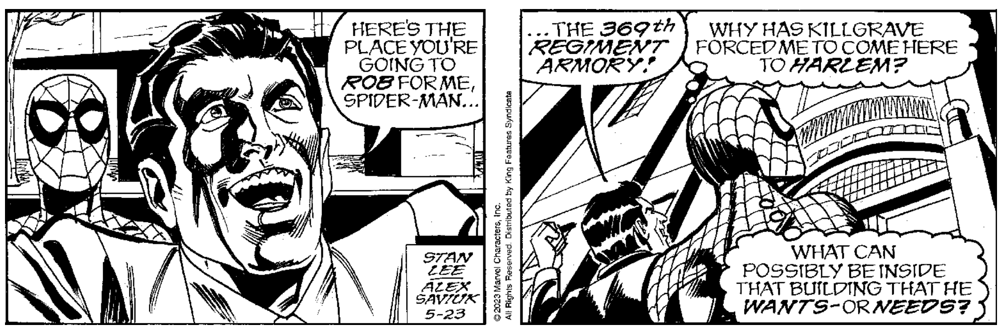
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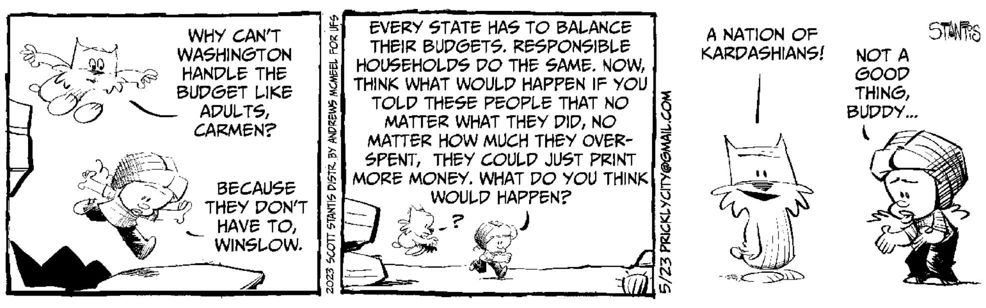
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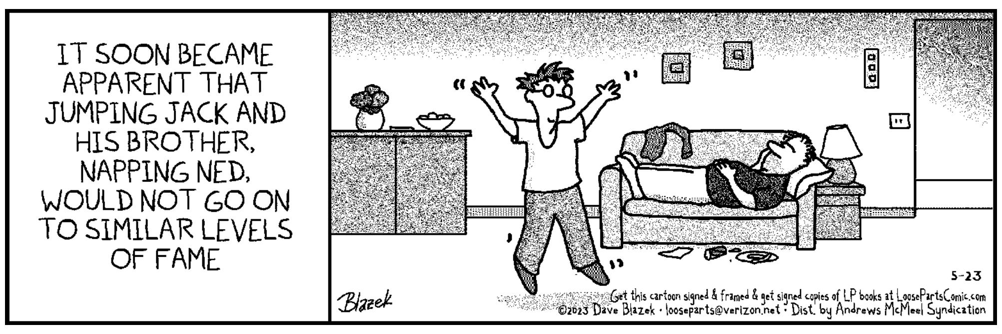
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PRICKLY CITY SCOTT STANTIS



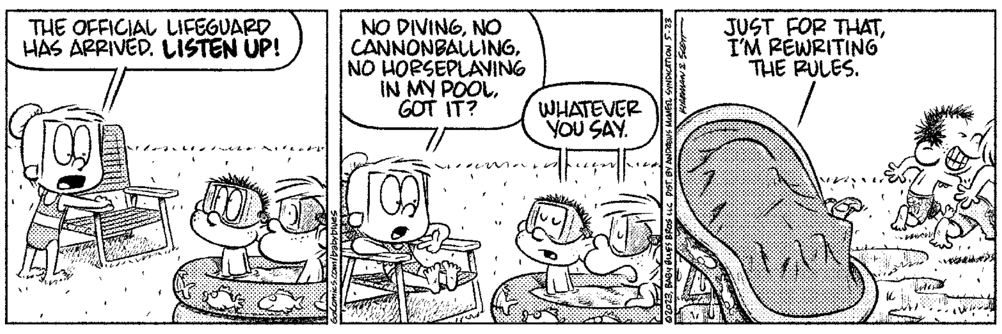
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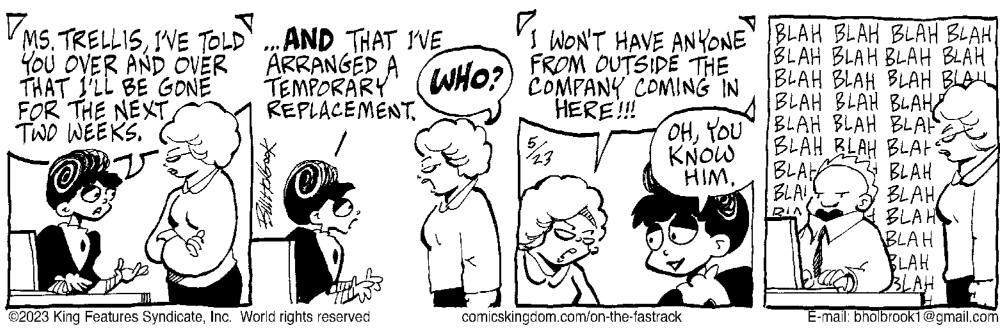
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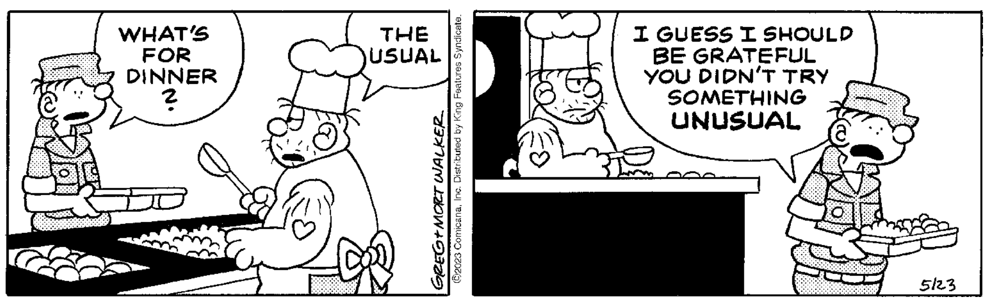


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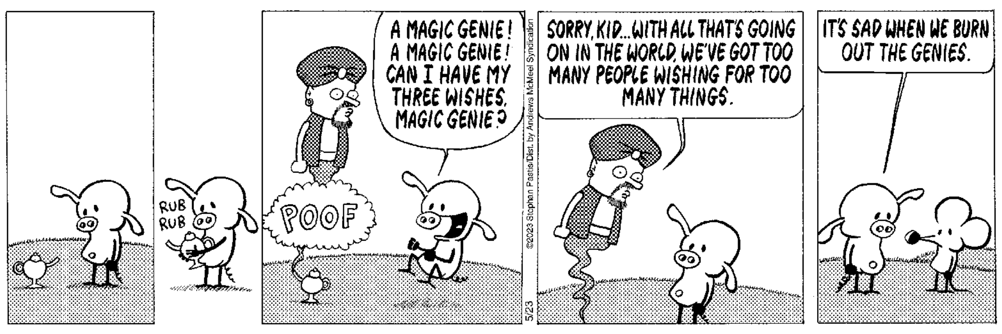


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BEETLE BAILEY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | MAY 23

You are a free spirit. You are intelligent and focused, and you like to be in control of whatever situation you are in. This is a successful year for you. Your talents and efforts will be acknowledged through a promotion, an award, kudos or some kind of recognition. Bravo!

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Cancer.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is an active, aggressive and successful day for those of you in sports. You're raring to go! You also feel more competitive than usual. Meanwhile, your home scene might be interrupted by something unexpected, perhaps a visitor or a new purchase.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Increased activity and chaos on the homefront might be bewildering today. It feels like it's more than you can handle. Fear not, because you can handle a lot! Part of the problem is your daily routine is interrupted with surprises, transportation delays, new faces and a new agenda.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Keep an eye on your money scene today, because it's unpredictable. You might find money; you might lose money. Likewise, be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
You desire excitement today! Because of this, in a low-key way, you might do something on the sly just to shake things up so you can see what happens. (Carl Jung says there's a trickster in all of us.)

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Today Mars is in your sign at odds with Jupiter, which can tempt you to act recklessly. You're gung-ho about something in the future and concerned with what can be rather than what is. Don't let your enthusiasm deter others.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Don't overreact when dealing with a friend or a member of a group today, especially if they catch you off guard. Your impulse will be to retaliate, especially secretly. But what does this gain you?

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You have great diplomatic skills, which is the reason you don't have to resort to heavy-duty persuasion to get friends or members of groups on board. Instead, you can use your clever eloquence.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Your ambition is aroused today, which is why you are insistent about achieving something or getting your way. Be aware that you are willful and disciplined, and at times you frighten others. You certainly can unnerve them.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Faulkner said, "We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." Resist the urge to insist that others agree with you today.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Financial issues, especially about inheritances, shared property or something that is jointly held, might prompt you to be aggressive and pushy today. You want your share! Meanwhile, a friend or partner will surprise you.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Be patient and cooperative with close friends, partners and spouses today. Resist the urge to push your opinions on them to get their agreement. And vice versa, do not let them coerce you or force you to agree with them. We like our staples.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You're determined to achieve something at work today, and this determination might make you bossy, especially when delegating to others. Is this who you are? Is this who you want to be? Meanwhile, parents must be vigilant with their kids today.

— Georgia Nicols

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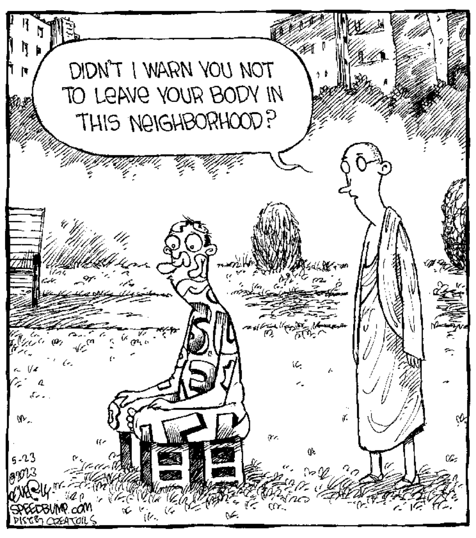
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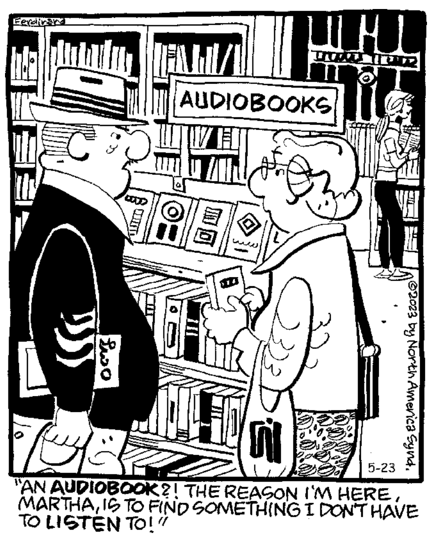
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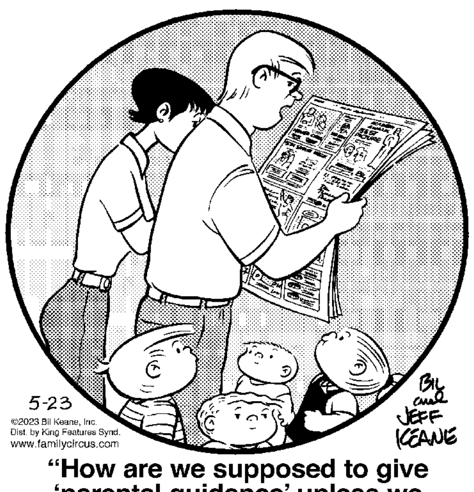


DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM



"AN AUDIOBOOK?! THE REASON I'M HERE, MARTHA, IS TO FIND SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO!"

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"How are we supposed to give 'parental guidance' unless we go see the picture first?"

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



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TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



BENNETT RAGLIN/CBS

FBI (CBS at 8) After a doctor is found dead in an apparent ritualistic slaying, the team hunts down a religiously motivated serial killer; Scola (John Boyd, pictured) must make a life-or-death choice.

Superman & Lois (CW at 8) Superman and John Henry disagree on how to handle Bruno Mannheim; Lois frets over impending treatments and tells Lana about her early relationship with Clark.

The Real Housewives of New Jersey (Bravo at 8) Teresa and Louie prepare for their wedding; Teresa and her family try to make the best of the situation when Melissa and Joe decide not to attend the festivities.

Gotham Knights (CW at 9) When one of their own is taken by the Court of Owls, the team must race against the clock to find them; Stephanie and Harper work to find something that could help save their team member.

Frontline (PBS at 10) Two decades after the invasion of Iraq, soldiers, journalists and Iraqis provide their accounts of the battle of Fallujah.

PREMIERE

Clone High (Max) This animated series reboot focuses on a high school for clones of the greatest minds in history. Twenty years after the original experiment was put on ice, the old clones return to face a new world with new clone classmates.

MINISERIES

SmartLess: On the Road (Max) This six-part docuseries follows podcast hosts Will Arnett, Jason Bateman and Sean Hayes as they take their show on the road and interview celebrities such as Conan O'Brien, Will Ferrell, Matt Damon, Jimmy Kimmel, Kevin Hart, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and David Letterman.

MOVIE

Afghan Dreamers (Paramount Plus) This documentary explores the triumphs and hardships faced by an all-girls robotics team from Afghanistan competing while under the restrictions of Taliban rule.

FINALES

FBI: International (CBS at 9) The team searches for a stolen Russian missile that was put on the black market in Budapest.

FBI: Most Wanted (CBS at 10) The team works to help Remy catch his brother's killer, 25 years after Mikey's death.

RETURNING

Beat Shazam (Fox at 8) Season 6.

Don't Forget the Lyrics! (Fox at 9) Season 2.

How I Met Your Father (Hulu) Season 2.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/23/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ **The Voice**		♦ **The Voice** (SF) (Live)				♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **Beat Shazam** (SP)		♦ **Don't Forget** (SP)		♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **Jeopardy! Masters**		♦ **Judge Steve Harvey**		♦ Celebrity Family Feud		♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **News**	♦ **ET**	♦ **FBI** (SF)		♦ **FBI: International**		♦ **FBI: Most Wanted** (SF)		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Perdona nuestros**		♦ **El amor invencible**		♦ Mujer		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ **FamFeud**	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ **FamFeud**	♦ FamFeud	♦ Big Bang	♦ Big Bang	♦ Chicago Fire	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Farm	♦ Outdoors	♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ American Experience		♦ **Frontline**		♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ American Experience		♦ **Frontline**		♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ To Dine For	♦ America ReFramed			♦ ARTICO	♦ Concert-Bowl		♦ BBC News	♦ Money
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ **Superman & Lois**		♦ **Gotham Knights**		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
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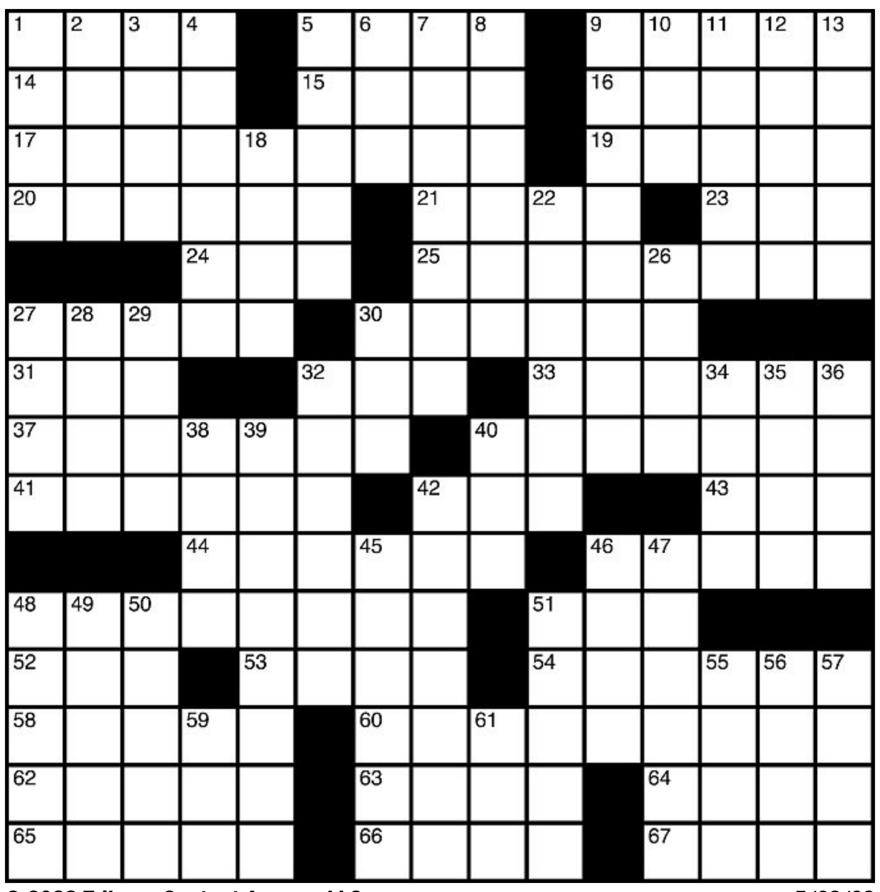
CABLE CHANNELS

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A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	**Neighbor.**	**Neighbor.**	**Road Wars**	Road Wars	RoadWars	RoadWars
AMC	Movie: Uncle Buck ★★ (1989)				(:15) Movie: The Great Outdoors ★★ (1988)				(:15) Movie: Weekend at ...	
Animal Planet	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law	
BET	Payne	Payne	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**The Family Business**		**All the Queen's Men**		Movie: Tyler Perry's Mee...	
Bravo	**Housewives of NJ**		**Housewives of NJ**		**Dancing Queens**		Housewives of NJ		Housewives-Atlanta	
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) TheOffice	(:45) TheOffice	(:20) The Office		(:55) TheOffice	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
Discovery	Deadliest Catch		**Deadliest Catch**		To Be Announced		**Engineering Catastrophes**		Deadliest Catch	
Disney	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Hamster &	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**E! News**	Mod Fam
ESPN	SportsCenter		**NHL Hockey** Western Conference Final, Game 3: Teams TBA (Live)					**SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt** (Live)		
ESPN2	The Point		30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30	
Food Network	Chopped		**Chopped**		**Supermarket Stakeout**		Chopped		Chopped	
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**	
Freeform	Movie	Movie: Trainwreck ★★★ (2015)					How I Met	How I Met	The 700 Club	
FX	(5:00) Movie: The Amazin...		Movie: Night School ★★ (2018)					Movie: Night School ★★ (2018)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Falling for V...		Movie: The Sweetest Heart (2018)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: Garage Sale Mysteries: Searched & Seized				Movie: Carrot Cake Murder: A Hannah Swensen Mystery				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:20) Movie: Paranoia ★		(:10) Movie: Unbreakable ★★ (2000)				**REAL Sports**		(:05) Barry	Succession
HGTV	Windy City Rehab		Windy City Rehab		**Windy City Rehab**		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l
History	The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		**Drilling Down**		(:05) **Skinwalker Ranch**		(:05) Skinwalker Ranch	
Lifetime	Zombie House Flipping		Zombie House Flipping		Zombie House Flipping		(:05) 24 Hour Flip		(:05) 24 Hour Flip	
MASN	**MLB Baseball** Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees (Live)					**O's Xtra**	Wall to Wall Baseball		Life in Between Gates	
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	**Love Hip Hop**		**Love Hip Hop**		**Couples Retreat**		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Life Below Ze		**Life Below Ze**		**Life Below Ze**		Life Below Zero		Life Below Ze	
NBC SportsNet WA	**Basketball** Connecticut Sun at Washington Mystics				**Mystics**	106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies				
Nickelodeon	Movie: The Addams Family ★★ (2019)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: World War Z ★★★ (2013)						Movie: White House Down	
Syfy	(5:55) Movie: The Mummy...		(:25) Movie: Saban's Power Rangers ★★ (2017)					(:55) Movie: War ★★ (2007)		
TBS	**MLB Baseball** Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves (Live)						**MLB Close**	I Survived Bear Grylls		Sheldon
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Atlantis, th...		Movie: Once a Thief ★★ (1965)				Movie: Viva Las Vegas ★★ (1964)			Movie
TLC	7 Little Johnstons		**7 Little Johnstons**		**7 Little Johnstons**		**Doubling Down**		You, Me & My Ex	
TNT	Movie	**NBA Tip-Off** (Live)		**NBA Basketball** TBA at Miami Heat (Live)					**Inside the NBA** (Live)	
Travel	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Movie: Liar Liar ★★ (1997)			
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		**WWE NXT** (Live)				(:10) Movie: The Invisible Man ★★★ (2020) (P)			
VH1	Movie	Movie: Straight Outta Compton ★★★ (2015)							Movie: Tyler Perry's A Ma...	
WNC8	**Forum**	Emeril	Fed Gov	Fed Gov Today with		**World News**	**WJLA News**	Paid Prog.	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Juliana Tringali Golden



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ACROSS

1 Disaster relief org.
5 Kimchi containers
9 Out in the sticks
14 Finishes a cake, say
15 Grades K thru 6
16 Año Nuevo month
17 Good dog?
19 Temporary stay
20 Up-to-date
21 Prepare to be photographed
23 Skin pic
24 Low-__: indistinct, as computer graphics
25 Good shot?
27 Terra-__ tiles
30 Rift
31 "Aw, not again!"
32 Little one
33 "Ask and you shall receive!"
37 Good condition?
40 Good measures?
41 Calm and collected
42 Buddy
43 "Xanadu" band, for short
44 One after another
46 Bit of luck
48 Good character?
51 Cheer at a fútbol match
52 Logger's tool
53 Abound (with)
54 Monopoly token worn by Mr. Monopoly
58 Rhythm of daily life?
60 For good reason, and a hint to five answers in this puzzle
62 Ibuprofen brand
63 "That makes sense"
64 Orangutans, e.g.
65 Far from posh
66 Unwelcome garden grazers
67 Congressional assents

DOWN

1 Movie
2 Canyon phenomenon
3 Honey-based beverage
4 State as fact
5 Dungarees
6 Many a mountain whose name ends in "horn"
7 Word spelled out in an Aretha Franklin hit
8 Mash down
9 Changeabout
10 Sea urchin, at a sushi bar
11 Takes a breather
12 La Scala solos
13 Mega Millions, e.g.
18 Cabinetmaker's calculation
22 "This Is __ Tap"
26 "Abbott Elementary" award
27 Starbucks stack
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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

My sons compete with each other in everything. What's a parent to do?



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Hi Carolyn: I have three boys close in age: 9, 7 and 5. The oldest two have recently gotten very competitive in everything they do, including sports, art, flying paper airplanes and who can get dressed the fastest. [Eye roll.]

I've read "Siblings Without Rivalry," and my husband and I are very careful not to label the boys or make things a competition. Still, it persists. They've even started to "compete" at being friends with our neighbors. It breaks my heart, and I dread how it will escalate in the teenage years when it comes to tryouts, romantic interests, college, etc. UGH. Any words of advice?

On a related note, I also struggle with how to foster their independent interests while also not pigeonholing them. For instance, my middle son is really into Lego, and my oldest is so-so about it, but I gave them all Lego sets for Christmas, because I don't want to label one as Into Lego and the other as Not Into Lego, because they're young and I know their interests and personalities will evolve. This is hard. HELP.

— Struggling

Struggling: It is hard, yes — but I have a hunch you're making it harder.

Your Lego-set decision, just for example, might have sent the message to your boys that you see them all as the same, which escalates rivalry — or, further, that being into Lego is the Right Thing, in your eyes, therefore the oldest is Wrong to be just so-so about it.

I say this not to nitpick or torment, but to illustrate that contorting yourself to solve one problem can result in new problems you didn't anticipate.

Give Lego to the Lego-phile. Give something of equivalent wow and dollar value to each of the other boys. If their interests shift, then shop next time accordingly. If you misfire on a gift, regroup and try again later.

But more generally: Breathe. See this as natural. Resist the urge to do preemptive contortions to get everything right. I relied on the work of Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish myself, heavily — but it's also natural to trust yourself a bit more than you're doing now.

And to see and love your boys as individuals, which is not only the most fundamental truth about them, but also Faber- and Mazlish-approved. Commit to seeing your boys and treating them as separate people. Competition is how they try to distinguish themselves from one another and get seen, so anticipate that by seeing them as equally worthy but entirely distinct. Listen to their nuances and feed their individual interests. Just be mindful of reflecting their enthusiasm vs. exceeding it, lest they start to live through and define themselves by your excitement and expectations.

Be sure to give them a place to be competitive in a healthy way, too, with others outside the family, if you haven't already. Reindeer games are inevitable. Kept in proportion and *self-driven*, competition (in sports, esports, performing arts, entrepreneurship, whatever they gravitate to) is educational, character-building and fun. (Did I mention self-driven?)

There's an ulterior motive here, too: One of the most powerful things you can do for your kids is encourage them — gently, patiently, over time — to root for one another as they compete with somebody else.

Last thing: Never, ever, ever discourage competitive speed-dressing. A way to get out the door faster is a tool you will never not need.

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MacKenzie Gore is one of six pitchers to wear No. 1 in major league history. The 24-year-old lefty is the first Nationals pitcher to wear any single-digit number.

NATIONALS' GORE IS LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE

'The smallest guy on the team' in high school, rising star sticks with the digit, rare for pitchers

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

MacKenzie Gore started by tempering expectations.

"There's not much of a story here," Gore said, doing his best to excite you, dear reader, for the following paragraphs. "I was the smallest guy on the team and got No. 1 and kept on wearing it. I was kind of superstitious. We won state my freshman year, and so I kept it. That's really all I got."

But does he know how many pitchers have worn No. 1 in major league history?

"Four?" he guessed. The answer is six. Gore must not have had posters of Matt Young (1990 Seattle Mariners), Jack Jenkins (1962 Washington Senators) or Ed Gallagher (1932 Boston Red Sox) on the wall in his childhood bedroom.

The other three pitchers: Gore, Luis Patiño (2022 Tampa Bay Rays) and Shun Yamaguchi (2020 Toronto Blue Jays). Gore, a 24-year-old lefty, is the first Nationals

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Padres at Nationals
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Soto is back in D.C. Could he end up back with Nats?



Barry Svrluga

Juan Soto will be back at Nationals Park this week wearing the gold and brown of the San Diego Padres. Until recently, he has been a fraction of the player he was when he pulled on red-and-white uniforms and sat in the home dugout there. That brings up an irresistible and intriguing notion: Is there a path for Soto to wear the Curly W again?

This isn't to tease. The possibility is too tantalizing to avoid. But before we get to the fall of 2024 — when Soto *finally* becomes a free agent — here's some drilling down on the player he was when he was a Washington National and the player he has been since he was dealt in a franchise-altering trade in August.

Oh, but before *that*: The first Nationals pitcher Soto will face this week is MacKenzie Gore, the left-hander who was part of the five-prospect package the Padres sent to D.C. for Soto. The Nationals have big plans and hopes for all of those players, and indeed CJ Abrams will be the shortstop behind Gore when he faces Soto in the first inning Tuesday.

But another question to ponder: Would the Nats take Gore for Soto straight up at the moment, given the latter is a free

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Deal is 'not there yet,' but owners are hopeful

Irsay says Harris group has work to do on Commanders purchase

BY MARK MASKE AND NICKI JHABVALA

EAGAN, MINN. — The NFL and its franchise owners hope to approve Josh Harris's $6.05 billion agreement to purchase the Washington Commanders from Daniel Snyder, but Harris's deal is "not there yet" in its compliance with league ownership rules, Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said Monday.

"I think all three parties — the league and the Harris group and the Commanders — they want to see this deal get done," Irsay said. "It's just, being on the finance committee and representing the ownership, there's certain criteria that [have] to be met. I mean, that's just the way it is. And it's not there yet. But it doesn't mean that it can't get there. It's complicated. . . . We're trying to do everything we can do to make the deal work."

Irsay's comments came as the NFL began a two-day quarterly meeting in the Minneapolis area, with the owners scheduled to be updated on Harris's deal. Snyder and his wife, Tanya, the Commanders' co-CEO, did not attend.

"We'll see what happens," Irsay said. "I think it's going to kind of depend on the Harris group. . . . I think they kind of know what the rules are. And I know they really want to get a deal done, and we do. So you hope that carries the day. . . . But there's more work to be done at this point."

The Harris group declined to comment through a spokesman.

The owners on the NFL finance committee met Monday ahead of the beginning of the full ownership meeting, held at a hotel alongside the Minnesota Vikings' training facility. Commissioner Roger Goodell joined members of

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PRO BASKETBALL

Carmelo Anthony retires after 19 seasons and leaves the NBA ranked ninth all-time in scoring. D3

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

The Panthers solve the Hurricanes again to take a 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. D12

Heat wave has shaken up the Celtics — and the NBA



Candace Buckner

MIAMI — The past several days must have been hard for the conspiracy-minded who theorize the many ways the NBA is fixed.

First, the ping-pong balls busted that myth. Those tiny, random balls representing the draft rights of the most-hyped prospect in two decades favored the small-market San Antonio Spurs. When bigger, much cooler cities such as Houston, Dallas and Toronto — even Washington — were in play, no one can logically suspect NBA bigwigs looked at the River Walk and felt *that* should be the sexy landing spot for the future face of the league, Victor Wembanyama.

Next, LeBron James and the A-list Los Angeles Lakers lost for a third straight time to a Denver team led by an understated

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Center Nikola Jokic finished with another triple-double Monday as the Nuggets withstood LeBron James's 40 points in Los Angeles.

Denver finishes sweep to reach its first Finals

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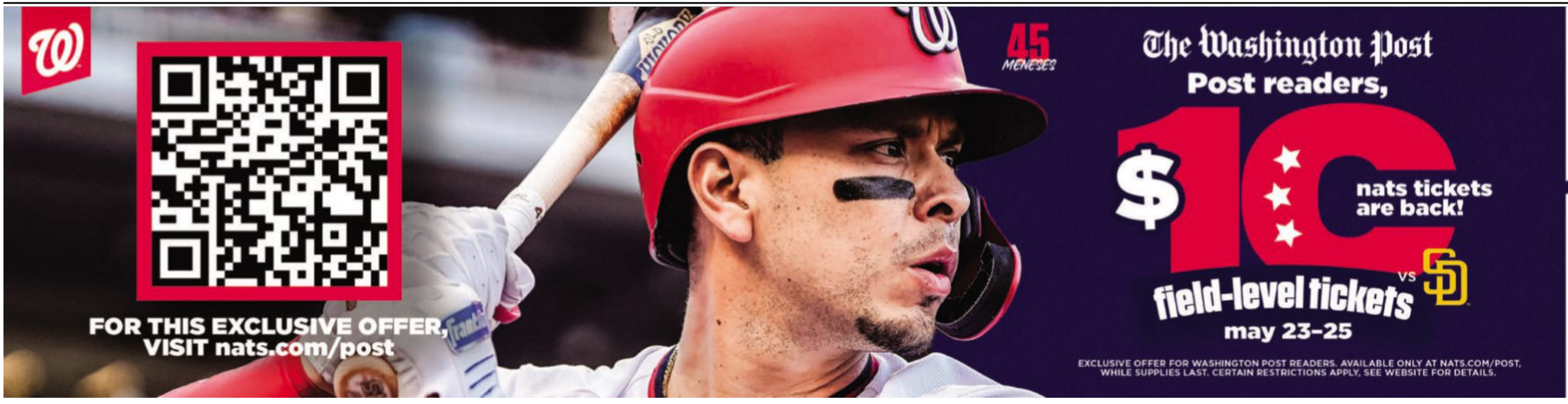
BY BEN GOLLIVER

LOS ANGELES — Hours before Game 4 of the Western Conference finals tipped off, NBA officials rehearsed the traditional postgame trophy presentation. Monday's dry run, necessary because the Denver Nuggets held a 3-0 series lead over the Los Angeles Lakers, happened to take place during LeBron James's customary warmup period.

James, the only player on the Crypto.com Arena court so early in the afternoon, kept shooting as dozens of staffers prepared for a ceremony the four-time MVP seemed determined to postpone.

Despite James's best efforts in the last-gasp circumstances, the Nuggets completed their four-game sweep of the Lakers with a 113-111 victory to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time. Denver center Nikola Jokic posted his

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Spalding attributes MIAA title to sacrifice

With talent-laden roster, Cavaliers put the team over themselves

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

As Archbishop Spalding trotted off the field at Joe Cannon Stadium in Hanover on Sunday night with a 2-0 victory over Calvert Hall at its back and a second consecutive Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association Conference A title in hand, it wasn't hard to identify the heroes in the program. It just became a challenge to fit them all in one frame.

"We battle every day," said senior right-hander Parker Thomas, an East Carolina commit who lowered his ERA to 0.70 with his third shutout. "Everybody has a role they star in."

Among a staff of five pitchers with Division I commitments, on a team that allowed just two runs per game, the Cavaliers (22-6-1) could certainly tab Thomas, or any of their pitchers, as a hero. Spalding could also crown senior catcher Ethan McNally, who orchestrated a stellar pitching staff all season and whose fifth-inning RBI single, which scored his younger brother Jack, gave the team a 1-0 lead over the Cardinals (18-14).

But at the core of the Cavaliers' message, the team speaks of sacrifice.

Often, with a consistent influx of talent, future college stars must sacrifice high school plate appearance when they arrive in Severn. In senior outfielder Brayden Marrocco, Spalding found a star who served as a microcosm for that sacrifice — and its occasionally wonky but mostly powerful 2023 campaign.

After coming off the bench during his junior year, and after returning to the pine early in his senior year following a slump, Marrocco got another shot in mid-April. He hit a three-run homer in his first game back and was the Cavaliers' best hitter in the final month.

"Every guy in this program has a dog mentality," Ethan McNally said. "Everyone buys in for the moment we had [Sunday] night, to play college baseball; the things we teach at Spalding helps everyone in the long run."

Unlike Spalding's 2022 team that went 17-0 in league play, these Cavaliers were not without flaws, particularly at the plate. But, they said, the obstacles made this year special. After dropping consecutive games in mid-April, Coach Joe Palumbo — who shares a quote of the day at every practice — settled on a message that stuck: "Oak trees grow their roots stronger in storms."

The Cavaliers were at their best in the final week.

"When you take talent and add a little toughness and character to it, that is a potent mixture," Palumbo said. "Ultimately, they just wanted the feeling of winning a championship again."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Gonzaga, Jackson-Reed rowers garner Stotesbury Cup medals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Every May, thousands of athletes and hundreds of boats arrive in Philadelphia for the Stotesbury Cup, the largest high school regatta in the world. To many, it's the country's most prestigious regatta — and the most competitive. Even qualifying as one of the six boats in a championship race, which teams from the D.C. area often do, is seen as a monumental success.

"I told them at dinner each night this is the one they're going to remember," Gonzaga Coach Tom Daley said. "For whatever reason, Stotesbury is the one you always remember."

Gonzaga, which had multiple first-place boats at the Washington Metropolitan Interscholastic Rowing Association championship regatta in early May, brought eight boats from Northwest Washington to the Schuylkill River on Friday and Saturday. The Eagles will return to D.C. with medals from four; the first and second varsity eight boats earned silver medals; the freshman and junior varsity eights took home bronze.

"So often the focus is just on the first and second varsity, but that's not my job — my job is the whole program and to see all the boys become the best version of themselves," Daley said. "It's a little overwhelming. But that's the best part."

Daley, who inherited the varsity program after years with the freshman team, viewed the performances as a credit to others. He lauded his assistant coaches. He said his tenure as the freshman team coach taught him to "teach before you coach." And the athletes, he said, come in with a character that makes his stewardship serene.

"The foundation of the curriculum is to take a young boy and to build him into a man of service, a man for others," Daley said. "My job is easy as a coach because between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. all the teachers and staff are doing that mission."

— Spencer Nusbaum

Girls' rowing



CHRIS RICKARD

Behind stellar coxswains, Jackson-Reed rowers claimed two medals at the prestigious Stotesbury Cup regatta in Philadelphia.

On the long list of prerequisites for any high-performing boat, the value of the coxswain can be overlooked, particularly at the high school level. A capable communicator with a steadying presence and high understanding of the sport, in particular, becomes paramount at an event as large as the Stotesbury Cup.

"When you get off the bus, it's just boats everywhere," Jackson-Reed Coach Chris Rickard said. "It's busy, chaotic, so you're trying to keep everyone calm."

Jackson-Reed, which Saturday had its first varsity eight earn bronze and second varsity eight take silver — the highest finishes in the top two races among local competitors — never took the position lightly.

While many college programs employ an assistant coach to work exclusively with the coxswains, that's considered a luxury at the high school level. This year, Katie Eidson, who in past years coached the team in person, saw such value in the experience that she decided to assist the coxswains, remotely, from Europe this year — even if, she said, they accomplished plenty on their own.

"Their dedication to look within themselves is unlike anything I've seen in a group of high school athletes," Eidson said. "And I think our desire to recognize the importance of the coxswain has really given us an edge."

The Tigers, who have long been one of the top teams in D.C. and whose top varsity eight also placed second at Stotesbury last year, entered Saturday well aware that besting Mount St. Joseph was a long shot. But the next five spots were anyone's for the taking.

The Tigers hopped on that opportunity. Rickard said their performance may not have been possible if not for the stewardship of second varsity coxswain Charity Jones.

"She threaded the needle perfectly," he said. "Like: 'This is serious and important and we care about it deeply, but also let's have fun. This is an exciting thing to be a part of, no matter what happens.' "

— Spencer Nusbaum

Girls' lacrosse

Early in the season, Paul VI set a goal to play 24 games. Doing so would require it to advance to the championship games in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association.

The Panthers fulfilled that goal before Saturday's VISAA title game against St. Anne's-Belfield but remained titleless after losing to Good Counsel in the WCAC championship game. They didn't stay that way: They beat the Saints, 11-8, in Virginia Beach to secure the first state championship in program history. The win also avenged a loss in last year's VISAA title game to the same opponent.

"What I'll remember about this group of kids is that they never quit," Coach Rich Hayden said. ". . . We expect a lot of them, but they deliver and they show up every day."

Paul VI executed a new defensive plan developed after its VISAA semifinal, Hayden said. It did so despite playing without senior defender Bailey Gurley, who suffered a season-ending injury in its WCAC semifinal.

With seconds remaining in Saturday's game and a championship assured, Hayden sent Gurley out there to secure the title.

"She's a huge contributor to our program and has been for the past four years," Hayden said. ". . . [It] was an emotional lift for the whole team to see her out there."

Following the game, the Panthers got on the bus and headed to the Virginia Beach boardwalk. They gathered with the state championship plaque on the beach in what Hayden said was "the perfect bookend to an amazing season."

— Varun Shankar

Boys' lacrosse

Before Paul VI's 9-5 win over Episcopal in Saturday's VISAA championship game, Coach Steven Lee encouraged his team to send off its 17 seniors with a victory.

Some of the Panthers, who came up a goal shy against St. Stephen's/St. Agnes in last year's title game, cried as they left the classroom and walked toward the field at the Chantilly private school before cruising to a comfortable win and an 18-5 finish.

"We've talked about how we're a very talented team, but not all talented teams win championships," Lee said. "What is that unique, special thing that this team has? It was the senior leadership. It was the player-led culture we had that was the difference this year."

Being primarily defended by junior Nate Murphy, Episcopal attack Caulley Deringer, a Virginia commit, was held scoreless. Senior Grant Giunchi was dominant on faceoffs, winning 12 of 16 draws.

Seniors Parker Love, a long-stick midfielder headed to Navy, and attack Matt Han led the Panthers' offense throughout the season. Junior goalie Matt Dineen, a Utah commit, improved his save percentage from 59 percent in the regular season to nearly 70 percent in the postseason.

— Shane Connuck

Softball

For 22 years, Michelle Lloyd has owned the Maryland state record for stolen bases in a season. At the start of the 2023 season, speedy Northeast senior Caitlyn Cornwell eyed those 44 steals and considered what was possible.

"When we got the whole schedule, I did the math and saw I have to get like 2.5 [steals] a game," Cornwell said.

With just a few games left in Northeast's season, the Maryland commit already has smashed the record — she's at 60 steals and counting — while being caught just twice.

Cornwell's base-stealing process begins with help from the teammate behind her in the batting order. The Eagles' hitters purposely don't swing on the first pitch of the at-bat, allowing Cornwell to burst off the base.

That strategy, coupled with Cornwell's blazing speed, made breaking the record seem simple.

"Just in our most recent playoff game, a kid threw the ball to second and while she was rounding second and she literally [took] third while the kid was throwing the ball in from the outfield," Northeast assistant coach Jesse Reiger said. "Her speed just allows her to take advantage of the game and play a level above everyone else."

Cornwell remembers feeling butterflies in her stomach moments before breaking the record in a game against Meade in early May. She needed just two more steals and was walked with the bases empty.

"I'm like, 'Oh, God, let me not get caught now,' " Cornwell said. "I just stole third, and it was super cool. The team was super excited for me. . . . It was such a good feeling."

— Noah Ferguson

Harris group has work to do, Irsay says at owners meeting

NFL FROM D1

the eight-owner finance committee in their meeting.

Commanders President Jason Wright and Karl Schreiber, a longtime business adviser to Daniel Snyder, arrived at the hotel Monday to represent the team. Norm Chirite, an attorney for Snyder, also is expected to attend.

The team confirmed that Tanya Snyder is not expected to attend the meeting. She had represented the Commanders at league meetings since the NFL's July 2021 announcement that it had fined the team $10 million following an investigation conducted by attorney Beth Wilkinson. It is believed Tanya Snyder did not attend a recent set of committee meetings for owners at the NFL's offices in New York.

Wright declined further comment.

The finance committee has raised issues related to the structure of Harris's deal, according to several people familiar with the committee's deliberations. The committee believes the deal, in its current structure, is well above the NFL's $1.1 billion debt limit for team acquisitions, according to one of those people. But Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt, the chairman of the committee, has vowed to continue to work with Harris's deal, according to that person.

"I would anticipate it being done," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Monday.

Jones declined to speculate on a timetable for the owners ratifying the deal, adding, "I don't want to simplify a lot of work, but these are outstandingly qualified owners."

The deal must be structured properly, Jones noted. "That structure is important," he said. "It's an important value of the franchise."

Representatives of the Harris group are in discussions with the NFL about the approval process, according to two people familiar with those conversations. One of those people described the talks as constructive.

"We're not going to have anything at this meeting," Irsay said. "We're a little ways away, but we're working hard. Everyone wants to get it done, and it's just seeing that it complies with league policy. It's a complicated deal. So we're trying to just work through it, and we're hopeful that we can get it done. It's going to take probably several more weeks of discussions before we see if we can reach the goal line there. But everyone's — they're hopeful, and we want to keep working in that direction."

Irsay, in stressing the need for Harris's deal to comply with NFL ownership rules, cited David Tepper's purchase of the Carolina Panthers in 2018 and Rob Walton's purchase of the Denver Broncos last year.

"It's tough because it has to comply like the Waltons complied and Tepper complied," Irsay said.

Irsay added: "And I think the Harris group knows: 'Look, you guys, you know we have to stay within the guidelines that we gave you. They were clear from the beginning. So let's put the dot over the I and put the cross over the T, make sure we get that done right.' So I'm hopeful that can get done. I think they're very enthusiastic about becoming the owners. I think they're really fired up to have a chance to take over the team . . . before the season starts. But we're just — we're not there yet. But I'm hopeful we get there."

Irsay was asked whether he's comfortable with the amount of debt in the deal. He answered, "Yes, I am, as long as it complies with league rules."

The NFL confirmed Thursday that the owners will not vote during this meeting on approval of the Commanders sale. At least 24 of the 32 owners must approve the deal; they generally follow whatever recommendation the finance committee makes.

The owners' next scheduled meeting is in October. The NFL could schedule a special meeting before then for the owners to vote on Harris's deal. It's not known how long the Harris group maintains exclusivity over the team's purchase as part of its signed agreement with Snyder completed May 12.

'TNF' flex and other moves

The owners voted Monday to ratify a flexible scheduling plan for the "Thursday Night Football" package carried by Amazon's Prime Video. (Amazon's founder, Jeff Bezos, owns The Washington Post.) It can be used during Weeks 13 to 17 and must come with 28 days' notice. The plan allows the league, as with other packages, to replace an unattractive game with a better matchup for prime time.

The measure had failed to secure sufficient votes for ratification in March. New York Giants co-owner John Mara said then that the plan was not fan-friendly.

"I still feel the same way," Mara said Monday. . . .

The owners ratified a proposal to allow each team to designate an emergency third quarterback on game day; that quarterback must be on the 53-man roster (not the practice squad) to be eligible. That move comes after the San Francisco 49ers were left with no healthy quarterbacks available during their lopsided loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game. . . .

The NFL awarded Super Bowl LX to the San Francisco Bay Area. The game will be played in 2026 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. The league awarded the 2025 draft to Green Bay.

DIGEST

SOCCER

Newcastle is returning to Champions League

Newcastle qualified for the Champions League for the first time in 20 years after drawing with visiting Leicester, 0-0, in the English Premier League on Monday, a milestone moment for a Saudi-controlled club with the resources and ambition to become a major force in European soccer.

The point ensured Newcastle cannot be denied a top-four finish heading into its final game of the season, at Chelsea on Sunday.

Leicester needs a win at home against West Ham to avoid relegation seven years after winning the Premier League at preseason odds of 5,000-1. . . .

England blanked Tunisia, 1-0, and France suffered a surprise loss to South Korea, 2-1, at the Under-20 World Cup in Argentina.

Dane Scarlett's first-half header proved to be enough for England in La Plata.

In Mendoza, South Korea opened the scoring in the 22nd minute through **Lee Seung-won** and doubled its lead in the second half on a **Lee Young-jun** header.

HOCKEY

Norway stunned Canada, 3-2, in a shootout in Riga, Latvia, and handed the favorite a second straight defeat at the ice hockey world championship.

Thomas Olsen converted the decisive shootout goal for Norway after Canada tied the score on **Lawson Crouse**'s goal with 12 seconds left in regulation.

COLLEGE GOLF

In Scottsdale, Ariz., Stanford sophomore **Rose Zhang** shot a bogey-free, 4-under-par 68 to become the first woman to win multiple NCAA golf titles.

Zhang finished at 10-under 278 over 72 holes to match **Lorena Ochoa**'s NCAA records for wins in a season (eight) and career (12). Her 12 wins breaks the Stanford record for men or women, held by **Tiger Woods** and three others.

Zhang started the day four shots behind San José State's **Lucia Lopez-Ortega**, who tied for second at 9 under with Southern California's **Catherine Park**.

AUTO RACING

Stefan Wilson fractured his back during a heavy crash with **Katherine Legge** in practice for the Indianapolis 500, and the British driver will not be allowed back into his car for Sunday's 107th running of the race.

The safety crew spent about 10 minutes extricating Wilson from his car. He was placed on a stretcher, immobilized and wearing a neck brace before he was loaded into an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing said Wilson suffered a fracture of his 12th thoracic vertebrae in the crash.

Will Power paced the field with a lap of 229.22 mph.

CYCLING

Veteran sprint specialist **Mark Cavendish** announced he will retire from cycling at the end of this season. The British rider, with the Astana Qazaqstan team, turned 38 on Sunday.

Cavendish made the announcement on the final rest day of this year's Giro d'Italia.

Cavendish will attempt to break the Tour de France record for most stage wins when this year's race begins in July. Cavendish matched **Eddy Merckx**'s mark of 34 stage wins at the 2021 Tour.

Cavendish won the world championship in 2011 and a silver medal at the Olympics in 2016.

MISC.

The Baltimore Ravens signed quarterback **Josh Johnson** and waived linebacker **Daelin Hayes**.

Johnson, 37, has made nine NFL starts — five with Tampa Bay, three with Washington and one with Baltimore in 2021. . . .

Terry McDermott, who won the only gold medal for the United States at the 1964 Winter Olympics, died. He was 82.

U.S. Speedskating said in a statement posted on social media that McDermott died early Saturday. It did not specify where he died or give a cause.

McDermott was an unheralded figure in speedskating when he won the 500-meter event at the Innsbruck Games in Austria, upsetting two-time reigning Olympic champion **Yevgeny Grishin** of the Soviet Union.

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MLB

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7 p.m.	**Baltimore at New York Yankees** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
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8 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 3: Vegas at Dallas** » ESPN

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Commissioner's Cup: Connecticut at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington

SOCCER

2 p.m.	**FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group B: United States vs. Fiji** » Fox Sports 2
5 p.m.	**FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group A: Argentina vs. Guatemala** » Fox Sports 2
6 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores, Group F: Colo-Colo at Monagas** » beIN Sports
8 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores, Group C: Barcelona at Bolívar** » beIN Sports
10 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores, Group G: Libertad at Alianza Lima** » beIN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF

Noon	**NCAA tournament, team match play quarterfinals** » Golf Channel
5 p.m.	**NCAA tournament, team match play semifinals** » Golf Channel

COLLEGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

10:30 a.m.	**SEC, first round: Georgia vs. South Carolina** » SEC Network
11 a.m.	**Big Ten, first round: Iowa vs. Michigan** » Big Ten Network
11 a.m.	**ACC, Pool C: Virginia Tech vs. Boston College** » ACC Network
1 p.m.	**Pac-12, Pool B: Arizona vs. Arizona State** » Pac-12 Network
2 p.m.	**SEC, first round: Texas A&M vs. Tennessee** » SEC Network
3 p.m.	**Big Ten, first round: Indiana vs. Illinois** » Big Ten Network
3 p.m.	**ACC, Pool B: Georgia Tech vs. North Carolina** » ACC Network
5:30 p.m.	**Pac-12, Pool C: UCLA vs. Southern California** » Pac-12 Network
5:30 p.m.	**SEC, first round: Alabama vs. Kentucky** » SEC Network
7 p.m.	**Big Ten, first round: Maryland vs. Michigan State** » Big Ten Network
7 p.m.	**ACC, Pool D: North Carolina State vs. Duke** » ACC Network
9 p.m.	**SEC, first round: Missouri vs. Auburn** » SEC Network
10 p.m.	**Pac-12, Pool A: California vs. Oregon** » Pac-12 Network

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

5:20 a.m.	**IIHF world championship, Group B: Norway vs. Slovakia** » NHL Network
9:20 a.m.	**IIHF world championship, Group A: United States vs. Sweden** » NHL Network
1:20 p.m.	**IIHF world championship, Group B: Switzerland at Latvia** » NHL Network

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**French Open qualifying, first round; ATP: Geneva Open and Lyon Open, early rounds; WTA: Strasbourg International and Morocco Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

For the first time, Nuggets are in the NBA Finals

NUGGETS FROM D1

eighth triple-double of the postseason with a team-high 30 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists to claim series MVP honors, and he helped seal the win with a fallaway three-pointer and a running layup in the closing minutes.

James, who had his first 40-point effort in a playoff game since the 2020 Finals, missed two shots in the closing seconds as Denver escaped.

The Nuggets, who overcame a 15-point halftime deficit with a torrid start to the third quarter, became the first team to sweep the West finals since the Golden State Warriors dispatched the Portland Trail Blazers in 2019. Denver, which joined the NBA from the ABA in 1976, had lost in its four previous trips to the West finals, most recently in 2020 at the hands of the Lakers.

For James and the Lakers, the defeat capped an improbable postseason run launched by the midseason trade of Russell Westbrook. James, 38, appeared to carefully manage his energy during the postseason, but he came charging out of the gate Monday with 21 first-quarter points, including a fortunate three-pointer that swished through even though it was intended as a lob pass.

By halftime, James had 31 points on 11-for-13 shooting, already his highest-scoring performance of these playoffs, and had played all but the final four seconds of the first half. He finished with a game-high 40 points to go with 10 rebounds and nine assists, and he nearly played all 48 minutes.

"I wasn't able to come through ultimately with the win," James said. ". . . When you have a guy as big and cerebral as Joker, you can't make any mistakes."

Facing elimination, Lakers Coach Darvin Ham pulled out all the stops by front-loading his rotation, dropping D'Angelo Russell and Jarred Vanderbilt from the starting lineup in favor of Dennis Schröder and Rui Hachimura. To fill in his second unit gaps, Ham called on seldom-used center Tristan Thompson, who signed with the Lakers in April after not playing all season.

The rotation tweaks helped Los Angeles leap to an 11-4 lead, and Denver played from behind throughout the half. The Nuggets looked aggravated at times, with forward Aaron Gordon receiving a technical foul after tangling with James and Coach Michael Malone incurring one of his own for disputing Jokic's third foul, which came shortly before halftime.

Los Angeles was in front 73-58 at halftime, but Denver managed to erase that entire advantage less than eight minutes into the third quarter. Malone tightened his rotation by leaning heavily on his starters, who all finished in double figures. The Nuggets outplayed the Lakers down the stretch for the third straight game to secure their historic Finals breakthrough.

The Nuggets' triumph has been a long time coming; they methodically built a contender around Jokic, a two-time MVP they plucked in the second round of the 2014 draft. The 28-year-old has led Denver to five straight playoff appearances, but he has faced persistent questions about whether he could defend well enough to be the best player on a serious contender. In the series finale, Jokic again outplayed Lakers center Anthony Davis, who finished with 21 points on 6-for-15 shooting and 14 rebounds.

This year, Jamal Murray, Jokic's chief sidekick, returned from an 18-month absence after knee surgery and helped power a dynamic offense that ranked fifth during the regular season and first in the playoffs. Denver claimed the West's top seed Dec. 20 and never relinquished it, capitalizing on its high-elevation home-court advantage to eliminate the Minnesota Timberwolves in the first round and the Phoenix Suns in the conference semifinals.

Jokic and Murray flummoxed the Lakers' defense throughout the West finals, forming a devastating inside-outside combination that proved too much for Los Angeles to handle. After Los Angeles used big lineups to hold Jokic in check during the 2020 West finals, the Serbian center overwhelmed the Lakers' smaller front line this time around, while the 26-year-old Murray added 25 points and five assists in the Game 4 victory.

"I'm just glad I put the work in during the rehab so I could reflect on that moment and not regret anything," Murray told ESPN after the game. "Come out here, be here with my guys, everybody supported me. . . . To make it this far with everybody means a lot."

Denver's continuity advantage also proved decisive as some of Los Angeles's midseason pickups struggled to find productive roles as the series unfolded. Meanwhile, the Nuggets' experienced and well-balanced starting lineup, which included guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and forwards Michael Porter Jr. and Gordon, consistently outplayed its Lakers counterpart.

Porter, a 2018 lottery pick who missed nearly two full seasons with back injuries, established himself as a reliable third scorer with his potent three-point shot, making Los Angeles pay for overcommitting defensively to Jokic and Murray.

As the buzzer sounded, Jokic doubled over to celebrate as his teammates mobbed him. The trophy presentation went off without a hitch, and Jokic was serenaded with "M-V-P!" chants from his teammates and Nuggets fans scattered throughout the crowd.

"It's a full collective effort as we are proving — as a team, as a franchise," Jokic said.



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Nikola Jokic was truly Denver's big man, with 30 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists in Game 4 against LeBron James and Los Angeles.

Anthony, No. 9 on scoring list, is retiring

Ten-time NBA all-star played for six teams in his 19-season career

BY MATT BONESTEEL

Carmelo Anthony, a 10-time NBA all-star who sits at No. 9 on the league's career scoring list, announced his retirement Monday via social media.

"I remember the days when I had nothing, just a ball on the court and a dream of something more," Anthony, who turns 39 next week, said as highlights of his career played on the social media clip. "But basketball was my outlet. My purpose was strong, my communities, the cities I represented with pride and the fans that supported me along the way. I am forever grateful for those people and places, because they made me Carmelo Anthony. But now the time has come for me to say goodbye."

Anthony burst onto the scene as a freshman at Syracuse in 2002-03, pacing the Orange to its lone NCAA tournament title. The Denver Nuggets then selected Anthony with the third pick of that year's draft, two slots behind LeBron James, and he embarked on a 19-season NBA career in which he played for six teams and became one of the league's most prolific scorers. Of the top 10 scorers in NBA history, only Dirk Nowitzki averaged better than Anthony's 35.5 percent shooting from three-point range. In 2021, the NBA named Anthony to its 75th anniversary team as one of its greatest players.

Anthony last played for the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2021-22 season, averaging 13.3 points as a reserve. He did not sign with a team this past season and reportedly considered playing in Taiwan.

Though he never won an NBA title — his teams advanced past the first round of the playoffs only twice in 13 appearances — Anthony played for the U.S. men's Olympic team a record four times and won three gold medals.

"When people ask what I believe my legacy is, it's not my feats on the court that come to mind, nor the awards or praise. Because my story has always been more than basketball," Anthony said in the video.



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Carmelo Anthony was drafted third overall in 2003 after winning an NCAA title in his one season at Syracuse.

CANDACE BUCKNER

The Heat is messing up everybody's plans — especially the Celtics'

BUCKNER FROM D1

Serbian star. Then, the third game of the Eastern Conference finals further debunked those theories. The mighty, mighty eighth-seeded Miami Heat spent Sunday evening unraveling the Boston Celtics with a 128-102 win to build a 3-0 series lead. After the weekend's slate of games, both the Heat and the Nuggets held overwhelming leads in their conference finals.

No NBA team has ever come back from a three-games-to-none deficit. Bad news for the league's legacy teams, the Celtics and the Lakers. But reassuring for anyone who roots on randomness and variety, now that a Finals matchup nobody expected appears on the horizon.

Certainly, the league wasn't anticipating promoting the likes of Gabe Vincent during its marquee event in June. Nor should it have been preparing a Cinderella narrative out of a Miami team that nearly stumbled into obscurity throughout the regular season, with its underperforming offense and unimpressive record. The Heat, as it has been so frequently repeated over the past month, had one foot in Cabo before earning the final play-in spot. And though Miami players now have recaptured the swagger and ethos of the franchise's ballyhooed "culture," it's hard to believe that even the Heat could picture the Heat on the verge of the 2023 Finals. Its players try to sound convincing about it anyway.

"The ups and downs prepared us for these moments. They prepared us for going 11-3 in the postseason. You know, still having a great opportunity to go further in this playoff run," Heat center Bam Adebayo said. "So for us, it's not shocking, because y'all not around, but y'all don't see the work that a lot of guys put in. And it's speaking volumes right now in this postseason. So for us, I don't believe it's a surprise or a shocker."

Adebayo, along with Jimmy Butler, has all-star credentials. Any team with that kind of duo should never be discounted. But surrounding those stars with players the average fan couldn't name while still embarrassing the East's elite — that's the astounding part.

Adebayo may take some offense to the Heat not receiving constant attention — the way "y'all" might have gobbled up every juicy bit of news about the Celtics or Lakers. But who could blame anyone outside of Miami-Dade County for not caring about a team that ranked 25th in offensive rating (the five teams beneath the Heat were lottery-bound) and limped to the finish line with a 4-4 record before the play-in? After finishing first in the East a year ago, Miami seemed to regress. But to hear the players tell it now, they were just getting ready.

"This has been one of the most interesting and gratifying regular seasons," Coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I'm not talking about the postseasons, but just to be able to go through that struggle together, and come out of it with a group that was pure of intention and then trying to get better, and then see it play out in the playoffs, that's ultimately what you would love a regular season to do for you."

While the Heat faded out of the spotlight, players were finding themselves. Stabilized by more than just Butler, the offense improved as shots began to fall. Through 14 postseason games, the Heat has the second-best offensive rating behind Denver's. Someone such as Vincent — for those new to the 2022-23 Heat, he was the guy who took over Game 3, confidently pulling up for jumpers while attempting more shots than Abebayo and Butler — always seems to step up when necessary. And the importance of Vincent's game-high 29 points Sunday night in the absence of injured rotational players Tyler Herro and Victor Oladipo cannot be overstated.

"It's his assertiveness and aggressiveness and reading the game," Spoelstra said. "I thought he had as much of an impact and put his fingerprints on the win in Game 2 as he did [Sunday]. One of the games he had [nine] points; another game he had 29. And he has that emotional stability to — you know, he sees guys like Jimmy and Bam, who are the perfect role models. Coming in as a young player, it's about impacting winning, and sometimes it's about making the right play and doing it on both ends of the court. That's tough to do as a young player because so much is celebrated on just that last number on the box score."

A year ago, Boston toppled the then-top seeded Heat on its home floor in Game 7. Now, the second-seeded Celtics, who improved on last season's record, have been thoroughly outworked and out-coached by the surging Heat. On Sunday, the Celtics initially traded buckets with Miami, showing some desperation. But with Butler hunting the smaller Derrick White in defensive matchups, the counters failing to work, the Heat draining threes and the deficit beginning to balloon, Boston checked out — of the game and possibly the series.

"[It] was tough," Celtics forward Jayson Tatum said. "I think from the beginning of the game, we were turning the ball over. We didn't shoot the ball well. They shot the ball extremely well. Just kind of felt like we never recovered, honestly. That's on all of us as a unit. We didn't play well at all. Obviously by the score, it showed."

By the second quarter, a chant no one could have imagined a month ago carried through the upper deck and down to the lower bowl of Kaseya Center: "Let's get the sweep!" That would be bad for Adam Silver and worse for the cranks who think his league is fixed. But no theory is about to get in the way of an eighth seed like this.



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Jimmy Butler and the Heat clamped down on the Celtics' Jayson Tatum in Game 3, limiting him to 14 points on 6-for-18 shooting.

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BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	29	18	.617	—	4-6	L-1
New York	25	23	.521	4½	7-3	W-5
Miami	24	24	.500	5½	5-5	L-2
Philadelphia	22	25	.468	7	4-6	L-1
Washington	20	27	.426	9	4-6	W-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	25	22	.532	—	5-5	L-1
Pittsburgh	25	22	.532	—	4-6	W-1
Chicago	20	26	.435	4½	3-7	L-2
St. Louis	21	28	.429	5	7-3	L-1
Cincinnati	20	27	.426	5	4-6	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	30	19	.612	—	6-4	W-1
Arizona	28	20	.583	1½	8-2	W-3
San Francisco	23	24	.489	6	6-4	W-2
San Diego	21	26	.447	8	2-8	W-1
Colorado	20	28	.417	9½	4-6	W-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	35	14	.714	—	5-5	W-1
Baltimore	31	16	.660	3	7-3	W-3
New York	29	20	.592	6	8-2	W-4
x-Boston	26	22	.542	8½	4-6	L-2
Toronto	25	23	.521	9½	3-7	L-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	25	23	.521	—	4-6	L-2
Detroit	21	24	.467	2½	5-5	W-1
Cleveland	21	26	.447	3½	4-6	W-1
Chicago	19	30	.388	6½	6-4	L-1
Kansas City	14	35	.286	11½	2-8	L-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	29	18	.617	—	6-4	L-1
Houston	28	19	.596	1	9-1	W-8
Los Angeles	26	23	.531	4	5-5	W-2
x-Seattle	22	24	.478	6½	4-6	L-1
x-Oakland	10	38	.208	19½	2-8	L-4

x-Late game

Dodgers backtrack on Pride Night exclusion

Team apologizes, reinvites Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to June event

BY CHELSEA JANES

The Los Angeles Dodgers apologized to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and reinvited them to next month's Pride Night at Dodger Stadium, the team announced Monday, a swift reversal of their decision to disinvite the LGBTQ+ advocacy group after criticism from Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and the Catholic League.

In a tweet, the Dodgers said the sisters agreed to take the field June 16 at Dodger Stadium and accept an award for service to the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ community — one they had been slated to receive before the team changed course last week.

"After much thoughtful feedback from our diverse communities, honest conversations within the Los Angeles Dodgers organization and generous discussions with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, the Los Angeles Dodgers would like to offer our sincerest apologies to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, members of the LGBTQ+ community and their friends and families," the team said.

Last week, the Dodgers issued a similar missive in which they said they would not honor the group as planned because of "the strong feelings of those who have been offended by the sisters' inclusion" that might distract from "the great benefits" of Pride Night.



SEAN M. HAFFEY/GETTY IMAGES

The Dodgers reversed their decision to exclude the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from Pride Night after backlash from other LGBTQ+ groups.

Rubio and Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, had written public letters to MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred expressing their displeasure. Both argued that including the sisters, who dress in brightly colored habits and call themselves "a leading edge Order of queer and trans nuns," meant the Dodgers were encouraging hate speech and anti-Catholicism.

But the Dodgers' decision to exclude the sisters inspired backlash on an entirely different scale. Several longtime partners of the Dodgers, including the Los Angeles LGBT Center and LA Pride, announced they would not participate in Pride Night. The mayor of Anaheim tweeted her disappointment and invited the sisters to Pride Night at Angel Stadium.

On Monday, the Dodgers reversed course.

"In the weeks ahead, we will continue to work with our LGBTQ+ partners to better educate ourselves, find ways to strengthen the ties that bind and use our platform to support all of our fans who make up the diversity of the Dodgers family," the statement concluded.

And after that, the Los Angeles LGBT Center said it would again take part in the Dodgers' Pride Night.

"Last week's debacle underscores the dangerous impact of political tactics by those who seek to stoke the flames of anti-LGBTQ bias at a time when our rights are under attack," CEO Joe Hollendoner said in a statement. "We must continue to stand together as a community in defense of the rights and recognition of LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles and beyond."

MLB declined to comment. Rubio's office and the Catholic League did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were founded in San Francisco in 1979 as an LGBTQ+ advocacy and fundraising group. They have since opened chapters across the country and include straight, gay and nonbinary members who dress in brightly colored habits and cloaks, paint their faces and, as the Los Angeles chapter's website puts it, "make people happy, stamp out guilt brought on by a judgmental society and help various organizations and charities."

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.383
Acuña Jr., Atl	.342
Díaz, Col	.333
Freeman, LA	.328
Gurriel Jr., Ari	.321
Estrada, SF	.309
De La Cruz, Mia	.302
Gorman, StL	.301
Hoerner, Chi	.299
Meneses, Was	.296

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	17
Muncy, LA	15
Gorman, StL	13
Olson, Atl	13
Tellez, Mil	12
Wisdom, Chi	12
Schwarber, Phi	12
Soler, Mia	12
Walker, Ari	11
Acuña Jr., Atl	11

RBI

Alonso, NY	41
Gorman, StL	39
Murphy, Atl	36
Olson, Atl	35
Muncy, LA	34
Walker, Ari	34
Arenado, StL	34
Lindor, NY	33
Fraley, Cin	32
Bohm, Phi	32

STOLEN BASES

Acuña Jr., Atl	19
Bae, Pit	14
Chisholm Jr., Mia	14
Carroll, Ari	13
Estrada, SF	12
Hoerner, Chi	12
Marte, NY	12
Yelich, Mil	10
Bellinger, Chi	9
India, Cin	8
Robles, Was	8

ERA

Cobb, SF	1.94
Elder, Atl	2.06
Steele, Chi	2.20
Keller, Pit	2.44
May, LA	2.63
Gray, Was	2.65
Smyly, Chi	2.86
Webb, SF	2.91
Gallen, Ari	2.95
Strider, Atl	2.96

SAVES

Doval, SF	12
Hader, SD	11
Díaz, Cin	10
Bednar, Pit	9
Finnegan, Was	9
Johnson, Col	9
Robertson, NY	8
Chafin, Ari	7
Minter, Atl	7
Phillips, LA	7
Williams, Mil	7

INNINGS PITCHED

Webb, SF	65
Keller, Pit	62⅔
Nola, Phi	62⅔
Steele, Chi	61⅓
Gallen, Ari	61
Gray, Was	57⅔
Kelly, Ari	57⅓
Kershaw, LA	57⅓
Alcantara, Mia	57
Wheeler, Phi	57

STRIKEOUTS

Strider, Atl	86
Keller, Pit	77
Gallen, Ari	72
Greene, Cin	69
Kershaw, LA	69
Webb, SF	65
Wheeler, Phi	64
Luzardo, Mia	63
Cabrera, Mia	61
Kelly, Ari	59

COMPLETE GAMES

Alcantara, Mia	1
Cobb, SF	1
Fried, Atl	1
Keller, Pit	1

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Díaz, TB	.322
Bichette, Tor	.317
Hays, Bal	.311
Yoshida, Bos	.308
Arozarena, TB	.308
Dubón, Hou	.307
Alvarez, Hou	.305
Semien, Tex	.304
Urshela, LA	.302
Rizzo, NY	.302

HOME RUNS

García, Tex	14
Judge, NY	13
Robert Jr., Chi	13
Devers, Bos	13
Alvarez, Hou	12
Gallo, Min	11
Lowe, TB	11
Rooker, Oak	11
Díaz, TB	11
Arozarena, TB	11
Perez, KC	11
Rizzo, NY	11
Ohtani, LA	11

RBI

García, Tex	49
Alvarez, Hou	46
Devers, Bos	44
Semien, Tex	39
Mullins, Bal	38
Arozarena, TB	37
Lowe, TB	34
Mountcastle, Bal	34
Tucker, Hou	33
3 tied	32

STOLEN BASES

Ruiz, Oak	24
Franco, TB	14
Mateo, Bal	14
Merrifield, Tor	13
Mullins, Bal	13
Volpe, NY	13
Witt Jr., KC	13
Straw, Cle	10
3 tied	9

ERA

Gray, Min	1.64
Cole, NY	2.01
McClanahan, TB	2.05
Rodriguez, Det	2.07
Ryan, Min	2.25
Valdez, Hou	2.46
Kirby, Sea	2.62
Eovaldi, Tex	2.83
Wells, Bal	2.94

SAVES

Clase, Cle	16
Estévez, LA	12
Bautista, Bal	11
Jansen, Bos	10
Romano, Tor	10
Sewald, Sea	9
Lange, Det	8
Pressly, Hou	8
Smith, Tex	8

INNINGS PITCHED

Valdez, Hou	66
Bieber, Cle	64⅓
Gausman, Tor	63
Cole, NY	62⅔
Bassitt, Tor	62⅓
Eovaldi, Tex	60⅓
López, Min	60
Giolito, Chi	59⅔
Gibson, Bal	59
Ohtani, LA	59

STRIKEOUTS

Gausman, Tor	81
Ohtani, LA	80
López, Min	75
Valdez, Hou	72
Cole, NY	68
McClanahan, TB	68
Lynn, Chi	67
Ryan, Min	66
Javier, Hou	64
Gilbert, Sea	63

COMPLETE GAMES

Bassitt, Tor	1
Bieber, Cle	1
Cole, NY	1
Eovaldi, Tex	1
Kirby, Sea	1
Lyles, KC	1
Valdez, Hou	1

Guardians 3, White Sox 0

Mike Zunino, mired in a 1 for 31 slump with 21 strikeouts this month, connected for a two-run homer in the seventh inning to help Hunter Gaddis get his first major league win as Cleveland beat Chicago.

Emmanuel Clase worked the ninth for his major league-leading 16th save.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.246
Benintendi lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.279
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.268
Moncada 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Sheets rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Frazier ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.250
Vaughn 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Grandal c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Burger dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.271
González 2b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.182
TOTALS	29	0	3	0	2	9	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.264
Rosario ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Ramírez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Bell 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.228
Giménez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Arias 3b	1	2	0	0	2	0	.208
Brennan rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.210
Zunino c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.178
Straw cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.223
TOTALS	26	3	4	2	4	2	—

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LOB: Chicago 5, Cleveland 3. **2B:** Benintendi (13), Kwan (11). **HR:** Zunino (3), off Santos.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lambert	1	1	0	0	1	0	5.89
Scholtens	5	2	1	1	2	1	2.25
Crochet	⅔	0	1	1	1	0	4.50
Santos	1⅓	1	1	1	0	1	2.59

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gaddis	6	2	0	0	1	4	5.26
Hentges	⅔	1	0	0	1	2	9.00
Sandlin	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.63
Stephan	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.18
Clase	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.38

WP: Gaddis (1-1); **LP:** Scholtens (0-2); **S:** Clase (16). **Inherited runners-scored:** Santos 1-1, Sandlin 2-0. **HBP:** Gaddis (Moncada). **WP:** Scholtens. **T:** 2:16. **A:** 13,878 (34,788).

Pirates 6, Rangers 4

Tucupita Marcano hit his first career grand slam and rookie Luis Ortiz pitched into the eighth inning and earned his first major league win in Pittsburgh's victory over AL West-leading Texas.

Marcano's slam capped a five-run seventh inning.

Ortiz, a 24-year-old right-hander, struck out four and walked two in a 93-pitch effort.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.304
Seager ss	3	0	0	1	0	3	.362
Lowe 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.283
García rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Jung 3b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.263
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Grossman lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.242
J.Smith dh	2	0	0	0	1	0	.216
Taveras cf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.305
TOTALS	31	4	7	4	2	7	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	5	0	2	0	0	0	.266
Reynolds lf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.287
Suwinski cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.233
Santana 1b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.239
Hayes 3b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.236
Marcano ss	3	1	2	4	1	0	.268
Joe rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.262
Bae 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.254
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.158
TOTALS	33	6	11	6	5	8	—

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LOB: Texas 3, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Hayes (12), Bae (5). **HR:** Jung (10), off Bednar; Marcano (2), off Barlow.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	5⅔	6	1	1	3	3	1.67
Sborz	1	2	3	3	1	2	5.06
Barlow	⅓	1	2	2	1	1	6.75
Hernández	1	2	0	0	0	2	6.62

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ortiz	7⅔	5	2	2	2	4	4.02
Holderman	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.60
Bednar	1	2	2	2	0	2	1.50

WP: Ortiz (1-2); **LP:** Sborz (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sborz 2-0, Barlow 2-2, Holderman 1-0. **WP:** Ortiz. **T:** 2:29. **A:** 10,574 (38,753).

Rays 6, Blue Jays 4

Jose Siri, Randy Arozarena and Luke Raley went deep for Tampa Bay, which leads the majors with 94 homers.

The crowd at Tropicana Field was a season-low 8,857. The Rays were averaging 18,045, 10th in the American League.

Toronto has dropped seven of eight.

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	3	0	1	0	2	0	.240
Bichette ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.317
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.293
Chapman 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.299
Varsho lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.207
Kirk c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.234
Merrifield 2b	4	1	4	2	0	0	.287
Jansen dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.310
Belt ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.257
TOTALS	36	4	11	4	2	2	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.322
Franco ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.282
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.200
Arozarena lf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.308
Paredes 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.272
J.Lowe dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.309
Bethancourt c	3	1	0	0	0	1	.225
Siri cf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.232
Raley rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.248
TOTALS	31	6	7	5	2	8	—

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E: Guerrero Jr. 2 (2). **LOB:** Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 3. **2B:** Guerrero Jr. (12), Arozarena (7). **3B:** Franco (1). **HR:** Merrifield (2), off Fleming; Varsho (7), off Littell; Siri (7), off Bassitt; Arozarena (11), off Bassitt; Raley (9), off Bassitt.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt	6⅓	7	6	2	1	4	3.03
Bass	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
Hatch	1	0	0	0	1	3	0.00

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kelley	2	2	0	0	0	0	5.62
Fleming	6	5	2	2	1	2	3.59
Littell	⅓	3	2	2	0	0	8.10
Fairbanks	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	1.86

WP: Fleming (1-0); **LP:** Bassitt (5-3); **S:** Fairbanks (5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Fairbanks 2-1. **WP:** Bassitt, Kelley. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 8,857 (25,025).

Diamondbacks 6, Phillies 3

Arizona's Lourdes Gurriel Jr. extended the majors' longest active hitting streak to 15 games with a homer and a double.

The Diamondbacks have won eight of their past 10 games and five of seven.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Smith dh	5	1	1	1	0	0	.240
K.Marte 2b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.277
Carroll rf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.275
C.Walker 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.259
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	4	2	0	0	.321
Rojas 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.255
Fletcher cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.338
Moreno c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.301
Perdomo ss	3	1	1	2	1	1	.317
TOTALS	38	6	10	5	2	6	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turner ss	4	0	1	1	1	1	.256
Castellanos rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.295
Harper dh	2	0	1	0	2	0	.313
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Schwarber lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.177
Bohm 1b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Stott 2b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.289
Harrison 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Marsh ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.262
Guthrie cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Clemens ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Sosa ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.280
TOTALS	33	3	6	3	5	12	—

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E: Stott (2), Clemens (1). **LOB:** Arizona 7, Philadelphia 8. **2B:** Perdomo (8), C.Walker (10), Gurriel Jr. (13). **HR:** Gurriel Jr. (8), off Wheeler; Smith (4), off Wheeler; Schwarber (12), off Henry; Stott (5), off Henry.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Henry	5⅔	4	2	2	2	5	4.68
Adams	⅔	0	1	1	1	2	6.75
Castro	⅔	2	0	0	1	1	2.53
K.Nelson	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.42
Chafin	1	0	0	0	1	3	3.38

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	6	8	4	3	1	3	4.11
Vasquez	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.27
Hoffman	1	2	1	1	0	1	1.29
Bellatti	1	0	1	0	1	1	5.68

WP: Henry (2-1); **LP:** Wheeler (3-4); **S:** Chafin (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Adams 1-0, Castro 1-1. **IBB:** off Castro (Harper). **T:** 2:57. **A:** 34,040 (42,901).

Reds 6, Cardinals 5 (10)

Nick Senzel hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and Cincinnati ended a four-game losing streak by beating St. Louis.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Edman rf	5	0	0	0	1	1	.277
Goldschmidt 1b	3	1	0	0	2	1	.288
Contreras dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.237
Arenado 3b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.271
Yepez lf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.250
Nootbaar ph-cf	2	0	1	1	1	1	.262
Gorman 2b	4	2	1	0	1	1	.301
DeJong ss	5	1	2	4	0	3	.289
Mercado cf-lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Burleson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Barrera c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Knizner c	2	0	1	0	1	1	.217
Donovan ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.241
TOTALS	37	5	7	5	9	14	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	1	2	0	0	2	.287
McLain ss	5	2	2	1	0	2	.250
Steer 1b	5	2	1	2	0	3	.257
Stephenson dh	2	1	1	1	3	0	.248
Senzel 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.254
Fairchild lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Fraley ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Myers rf	3	0	0	1	1	1	.194
Barrero cf	1	0	0	0	2	1	.231
Benson ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.040
Casali c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.140
Newman ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Maile c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
TOTALS	34	6	8	6	6	13	—

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One out when winning run scored.

E: Williamson (1). **LOB:** St. Louis 12, Cincinnati 8. **2B:** Nootbaar (6), Gorman (9), DeJong (4), India (14), McLain (3). **HR:** DeJong (8), off Williamson; Steer (6), off Montgomery.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	4	7	4	4	3	4	4.55
Pallante	2	1	1	1	1	3	4.50
Hicks	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.79
Gallegos	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.96
Helsley	1⅓	0	1	0	1	3	3.15

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williamson	4⅓	4	4	3	4	3	3.60
Farmer	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	3.00
Sims	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.29
Young	⅓	2	1	1	0	1	3.10
Díaz	1⅔	0	0	0	3	4	1.93
Gibaut	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.63

WP: Gibaut (4-1); **LP:** Helsley (2-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Farmer 1-1, Díaz 1-0. **WP:** Montgomery, Gallegos, Helsley. **T:** 3:15. **A:** 9,194 (43,891).

Giants 4, Twins 1

Michael Conforto hit a three-run homer, and the first four San Francisco batters scored. Lamonte Wade Jr. and Mike Yastrzemski walked, J.D. Davis doubled home a run, then Conforto homered.

Minnesota struck out 16 times.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.252
Flores ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Yastrzemski cf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.246
Davis dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.287
Conforto rf	3	1	1	3	1	1	.213
Sabol lf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.281
Schmitt 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.353
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.165
Wisely 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.161
TOTALS	33	4	5	4	5	10	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kirilloff rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333
Garlick ph-rf	2	1	1	1	1	1	.214
Correa ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.213
Buxton dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Julien 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Solano ph-2b	2	0	1	0	2	0	.270
Farmer 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.299
Castro lf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.238
Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.205
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.214
Vázquez c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	4	16	—

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E: Farmer (2), Correa (2). **LOB:** San Francisco 7, Minnesota 8. **2B:** Davis (6), Sabol (4), Wisely (2), Correa (11). **HR:** Conforto (9), off Ober; Garlick (2), off Beck.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brebbia	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.05
Manaea	3⅔	3	0	0	3	8	6.89
Beck	2⅔	1	1	1	0	4	5.40
Ty.Rogers	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	2.16
Alexander	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.67

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ober	5	3	4	4	3	2	2.55
Pagán	1	0	0	0	2	2	5.30
Jax	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.31
Sands	2	2	0	0	0	4	1.00

WP: Manaea (2-2); **LP:** Ober (3-1); **S:** Alexander (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Beck 2-0, Ty.Rogers 1-0. **HBP:** Beck (Buxton), Alexander (Jeffers). **T:** 2:39. **A:** 16,627 (38,544).

Astros 12, Brewers 2

Yordan Alvarez homered twice, including a grand slam, as Houston rolled to its eighth straight win.

Corbin Burnes of Milwaukee allowed four homers in a game for the first time.

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Dubón 2b	4	2	1	1	2	0	.307
Bregman 3b	6	2	2	1	0	0	.222
Alvarez dh	4	3	3	5	1	0	.305
Diaz ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Tucker rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.277
McCormick ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.242
J.Abreu 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.220
Peña ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Julks lf	5	1	3	3	0	0	.269
Meyers cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.263
Maldonado c	3	2	2	1	1	1	.213
Salazar c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.182
TOTALS	41	12	15	12	5	7	—

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Wiemer cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Winker dh-rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.208
Brosseau 3b-p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Tellez 1b	3	1	2	1	0	0	.255
Ruf ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.308
Contreras c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Anderson rf-3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Turang 2b-ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.240
O.Miller 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.330
Taylor cf-lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.179
TOTALS	33	2	6	2	2	9	—

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E: Salazar (2). **LOB:** Houston 9, Milwaukee 6. **2B:** Julks (6), Taylor (2). **3B:** Meyers (1). **HR:** Julks (3), off Burnes; Maldonado (3), off Burnes; Dubón (1), off Burnes; Alvarez (11), off Burnes; Alvarez (12), off Milner; Tellez (12), off Javier.

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Javier	6	4	1	1	1	5	3.07
Martinez	1	1	1	1	1	2	4.34
Mushinski	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Stanek	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	5	7	5	5	2	5	3.97
Peguero	⅓	2	4	4	1	0	4.15
Milner	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	4.50
Cousins	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.68
Megill	1	3	2	2	0	2	5.40
Brosseau	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

WP: Javier (5-1); **LP:** Burnes (4-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Milner 3-3. **HBP:** Peguero (Meyers), Megill (Peña). **WP:** Burnes. **T:** 2:41. **A:** 22,583 (41,700).

Dodgers 8, Braves 6

Freddie Freeman's three-run homer in the fifth inning gave Los Angeles the lead, J.D. Martinez had four hits, including two homers, and the Dodgers rallied to beat Atlanta.

Freeman, a longtime Braves star, had three hits.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.250
Freeman 1b	5	2	3	3	0	2	.328
Smith c	5	0	0	0	0	0	.297
Muncy 3b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.209
Martinez dh	5	3	4	2	0	0	.264
Peralta lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.215
Taylor ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.189
Vargas 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.229
Outman cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.252
Rojas ss	4	2	2	0	0	0	.216
TOTALS	38	8	12	8	3	10	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.342
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.239
Murphy c	4	1	1	2	0	0	.273
Riley 3b	2	1	1	0	2	1	.256
Rosario lf	4	2	2	3	0	0	.248
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Ozuna dh	3	0	2	1	1	0	.216
Arcia ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.319
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.163
TOTALS	33	6	9	6	5	6	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 5. **2B:** Freeman (18), Rojas (4), Acuña Jr. (14), Riley (7), Ozuna (3). **3B:** Peralta (1). **HR:** Martinez (7), off Morton; Freeman (9), off Morton; Martinez (8), off Minter; Rosario (5), off Stone.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stone	4	5	5	5	5	1	10.1
Phillips	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.00
Ferguson	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.98
Almonte	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.10
Bickford	⅔	1	1	1	0	2	5.64
Graterol	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.29

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton	5	7	6	6	2	5	3.61
Jiménez	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	4.41
Minter	1⅓	3	1	1	0	2	7.36
Yates	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.78
Luetge	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.23

WP: Phillips (1-0); **LP:** Morton (5-4); **S:** Graterol (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Phillips 2-1, Graterol 1-1, Minter 1-1. **T:** 2:54. **A:** 40,205 (41,149).

Rockies 5, Marlins 3

Elías Díaz homered and doubled to drive in two runs and Jurickson Profar doubled twice to extend his on-base streak to 30 games, longest active streak in the majors, and drive in another pair for Colorado.

Bryan De La Cruz had four hits for Miami, scoring twice, and Jacob Stallings had two RBI on an infield force play and a single.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Berti lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Arraez 2b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.383
Soler dh	4	0	0	0	1	0	.241
Cooper 1b	5	0	1	0	0	3	.244
De La Cruz rf	4	2	4	0	0	0	.302
Segura 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Wendle ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.156
Stallings c	3	1	1	2	1	0	.127
Hampson cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.239
TOTALS	36	3	11	3	3	4	—

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.276
Profar lf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.255
Bryant rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.287
Díaz c	3	1	2	2	1	1	.333
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.220
Castro 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Doyle cf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.254
Toglia 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Tovar ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.216
TOTALS	31	5	7	5	2	9	—

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COLORADO 200 001 20X — 5 7 1

E: Castro (1). **LOB:** Miami 10, Colorado 4. **2B:** Cooper (5), Profar 2 (11), Bryant (6), Díaz (9). **HR:** Díaz (4), off Cabrera.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera	6	5	3	3	1	6	5.05
Chargois	1	2	2	2	1	0	2.57
Okert	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.03

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson	5⅔	8	2	2	2	1	1.69
Bird	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	2.51
Lawrence	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.42
Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.74

WP: Bird (1-0); **LP:** Cabrera (3-4); **S:** Johnson (9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bird 2-0. **HBP:** Anderson (Segura). **T:** 2:14. **A:** 20,331 (50,144).

Tigers 8, Royals 5 (10)

Javier Báez hit a bases-clearing double in the 10th inning for Detroit.

Kansas City got back-to-back homers from Vinnie Pasquantino (424 feet) and Salvador Perez (419).

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.275
Schoop ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Greene cf	5	1	2	0	1	2	.286
Báez ss	6	1	3	3	0	1	.238
Torkelson 1b	2	1	0	0	4	1	.235
Maton dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.163
Ibáñez ph-dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.191
Baddoo lf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.247
Vierling rf	4	1	3	4	1	1	.254
Haase c	5	1	0	0	0	1	.248
Short 2b	3	1	1	0	2	1	.250
TOTALS	40	8	11	8	10	12	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Pratto lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.321
Pasquantino 1b	5	1	1	2	0	3	.256
Perez c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.279
Melendez rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.211
Massey dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.208
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Lopez 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.207
Bradley Jr. cf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.149
Garcia 2b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.230
TOTALS	34	5	5	5	5	9	—

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E: Clarke (1). **LOB:** Detroit 13, Kansas City 5. **2B:** Báez (7). **3B:** Lopez (2). **HR:** Vierling (4), off Singer; Pasquantino (9), off Lorenzen; Perez (11), off Lorenzen; Bradley Jr. (1), off Lorenzen.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lorenzen	5⅔	5	5	5	2	5	4.08
Vest	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.84
Shreve	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.58
Lange	2	0	0	0	1	2	0.89
Cisnero	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.50

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer	3⅔	7	5	5	4	3	7.48
Taylor	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	5.94
Garrett	⅓	0	0	0	2	1	3.32
Cuas	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	4.43
Clarke	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.57
Chapman	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.06
Barlow	1⅔	2	3	2	2	3	4.26
Staumont	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	3.14

WP: Lange (2-0); **LP:** Barlow (1-3); **S:** Cisnero (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Vest 1-0, Shreve 1-0, Taylor 1-0, Cuas 2-0. **WP:** Cisnero. **T:** 3:22. **A:** 14,229 (38,427).

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NOTES

A'S ANNOUNCER FIRED OVER RACIAL SLUR

Oakland Athletics broadcaster Glen Kuiper was let go by NBC Sports California after using a racial slur during a telecast while describing a trip to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Kuiper was suspended by the network this month following his slur that aired during a pregame segment of an A's game against the Royals on May 5. He talked about a trip to the museum with colleague Dallas Braden but seemingly mispronounced "Negro," making it sound instead like a slur.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Blue Jays: Placed IF Santiago Espinal (hamstring) on the 10-day injured list.

Brewers: Placed RHP Eric Lauer (non-throwing shoulder) on the IL, retroactive to Sunday.

TODAY

NL games

PADRES AT NATIONALS, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Darvish (R)	2-3	3.56	3-5
Gore (L)	3-3	3.69	3-6
DIAMONDBACKS AT PHILLIES, 6:40			
Nelson (R)	1-2	5.48	3-6
TBD	----	----	----
CARDINALS AT REDS, 6:40			
Wainwright (R)	1-0	5.74	2-1
Ashcraft (R)	2-2	4.84	5-4
DODGERS AT BRAVES, 7:20			
Miller (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0
Strider (R)	4-1	2.96	8-1
METS AT CUBS, 7:40			
Senga (R)	4-2	3.77	6-2
Smyly (L)	4-1	2.86	6-3
MARLINS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
Pérez (R)	1-0	2.79	1-1
Gomber (L)	3-4	6.70	4-5

NL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona 8, at Pittsburgh 3
at St. Louis 10, L.A. Dodgers 5
at San Francisco 7, Miami 5

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Arizona 6, at Philadelphia 3
at Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 5 (10)
L.A. Dodgers 8, at Atlanta 6
at Colorado 5, Miami 3

AL games

ORIOLES AT YANKEES, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bradish (R)	2-1	3.90	5-2
Cole (R)	5-0	2.01	8-2
WHITE SOX AT GUARDIANS, 6:10			
Cease (R)	2-3	4.78	5-5
Allen (L)	1-1	3.04	3-2
BLUE JAYS AT RAYS, 6:40			
Berríos (R)	3-4	4.61	4-5
Bradley (R)	3-0	3.54	3-1
TIGERS AT ROYALS, 7:40			
Rodriguez (L)	4-3	2.06	4-5
TBD	----	----	----
RED SOX AT ANGELS, 9:38			
Bello (R)	3-1	4.45	5-1
Canning (R)	2-2	6.14	3-3
ATHLETICS AT MARINERS, 9:40			
Medina (R)	0-2	6.88	0-3
Gonzales (L)	3-1	6.10	5-3

AL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 8, at Toronto 3 (11)
at Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 2
at Houston 2, Oakland 0
at L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 2

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 0
at Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4
Detroit 8, at Kansas City 5 (10)
at L.A. Angels 2, Boston 1
Oakland at Seattle, late

Interleague games

RANGERS AT PIRATES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Eovaldi (R)	5-2	2.83	5-4
Hill (L)	4-3	3.80	5-4
ASTROS AT BREWERS, 7:40			
France (R)	1-0	4.11	2-1
TBD	----	----	----
GIANTS AT TWINS, 7:40			
Cobb (R)	3-1	1.94	6-3
Gray (R)	4-0	1.64	5-4

Interleague scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 6, Detroit 4
N.Y. Yankees 4, at Cincinnati 1
at Atlanta 3, Seattle 2
Milwaukee 6, at Tampa Bay 4
at Texas 13, Colorado 3
at San Diego 7, Boston 0
Game 1: at N.Y. Mets 5, Cleveland 4
Game 2: at N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Pittsburgh 6, Texas 4
Houston 12, at Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 4, at Minnesota 1

On mound, Nats' Gore is one to watch

NATIONALS FROM D1

pitcher to wear any single-digit number. He's already the first major league pitcher to wear No. 1 in more than one season. And if his career stays on its current track — key part of Washington's rebuild, potential front-line starter — he will wear it for a long time.

Gore wore the number when he debuted for the San Diego Padres in April 2022. He had worn 89 at his first big league camp, a typically high digit for a young prospect. In the minors, he wore whatever they gave him. But when he was promoted to the Opening Day roster, Padres General Manager A.J. Preller asked Gore if he wanted No. 1 again.

Preller remembered Gore having it when he scouted him at Whiteville High in North Carolina. San Diego eventually drafted Gore with the third pick in 2017, then dealt him along with CJ Abrams, James Wood, Robert Hassell III, Jarlin Susana and Luke Voit for Juan Soto and Josh Bell last summer. On Tuesday night, Gore will face the Padres for the first time since the trade.

"I do think with my body type the single digit does look a lot better," said Gore, who enters the week with a 3.69 ERA in 46⅓ innings. "Two numbers look big on me. But other than that, it's kind of whatever."

Now for some other notes on who has worn No. 1 as a player:

• Eight Nationals since the team moved to Washington in 2005: Gore (2023), César Hernández (2022), Humberto Arteaga (2021), Wilmer Difo (2015-20), Steve Lombardozzi (2011-13), Nyjer Morgan (2009-10), Willie Harris (2008) and Tyrell Godwin (2005).

• Six future managers: Dave Martinez (Gore's current skipper), Billy Martin, Andy Green, Jerry Manuel, Rick Renteria and Bobby Valentine.

• Eleven players classified as pinch runners by Baseball Reference, fitting the idea that No. 1 is usually worn by speedy utility men.

• A handful of guys with top-notch names: Kiddo Davis (1932 Philadelphia Phillies), Rabbit Warstler (1933 Boston Red Sox), Granny Hamner (1948 Phillies), Snuffy Stirnweiss (1945-50 New York Yankees) and the other Joe Morgan (1960 Phillies).

Mike Wallace, the Nationals' clubhouse and equipment manager, is in his 50th year working in baseball. The lowest number he has given to a pitcher was No. 10 for Bob McClure on the 1993 Florida Marlins. He wasn't responsible for Gore's No. 1 and instead gave credit to equipment manager Dan Wallin, who initially had Gore as No. 50 last year because of Hernández. But Gore never appeared in a game with No. 50 as he recovered from elbow inflammation. By the time spring rolled around, Hernández was gone and Gore had his pick.

Wallace isn't against single-digit numbers for pitchers, nor is he against experimentation. While with the Marlins, he once issued No. 09 to catcher Benito Santiago, who didn't want the 9 blocked by the straps for his chest protector. But before the past few decades, Wallace doesn't remember pitchers asking for single digits or anything above the 60s. Chad Cordero's No. 62 for the 2003 Montreal Expos felt like a tipping point.

Now, three pitchers wear No. 0: Adam Ottavino for the New York Mets, Marcus Stroman for the Chicago Cubs and Domingo Germán for the Yankees. Blake Snell, Gore's former teammate with the Padres, wears No. 4. Righty Alek Manoah wears No. 6 for the Toronto Blue Jays. Los Angeles Dodgers lefty Julio Urías sports No. 7, as does Mariners lefty Marco Gonzales.

And then there's Gore with No. 1 for the Nationals, maybe hoping it matches his spot in future rotations. Call it the numbers version of letting the kids play.

"To each his own," said Martinez, who wore No. 1 as an outfielder with the Expos, San Francisco Giants and Texas Rangers. "Numbers are just numbers. If you like No. 1, wear No. 1, if you're a pitcher, a catcher. . . . I don't know MacKenzie other than him wearing No. 1. He loves it. It's good."

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. San Diego Padres

Today	7:05	MASN2
Tomorrow	7:05	MASN2
Thursday	4:05	MASN2

at Kansas City Royals

Friday	8:10	MASN
Saturday	4:10	MASN
Sunday	2:10	MASN

at Los Angeles Dodgers

Monday	9:10	MASN
May 30	10:10	MASN2
May 31	4:10	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)



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Juan Soto's numbers in San Diego have not approached his gaudy stats from his years in Washington.

BARRY SVRLUGA

For your consideration: A Soto reunion?

SVRLUGA FROM D1

agent after next season and the former is under control through 2027? Probably not. But the fact that it's something other than ludicrous to consider shows the trajectory of both players, not to mention the value of a controllable, pre-free agency contract.

Soto as a National was so confident in his abilities and accomplished as a 23-year-old that he turned down a 15-year, $440 million extension offer last year, and the reaction from most executives across baseball was, "Well, of course he did." (Pssssst: The Nats should have offered $500 million. But I digress.)

That decision can sound absurd. It is not. In Soto's first four seasons in the big leagues — he was called up in May 2018 as a 19-year-old — he ranked second in all of baseball in on-base percentage and OPS. The only player ahead of him in either category: Mike Trout, who has won three MVP awards and finished second four more times. Through age 22, the hitters Soto most statistically resembled, according to Baseball Reference: Trout, Frank Robinson, Bryce Harper, Miguel Cabrera and *Mickey Mantle*. If he wasn't on a direct highway to Cooperstown, he had a fully charged GPS and plenty of gas in the tank.

Soto's batting average/on-base percentage/slugging percentage slash line as a Nat: .291/.427/.538 for a .966 OPS — a total monster. His numbers since the Aug. 2 trade to San Diego: .242/.393/.429 for an .822 OPS — a mouse, by comparison. His ranks across baseball during that span: 87th in average, sixth in on-base percentage, 64th in slugging percentage and 32nd in OPS.

How do you go from a Hall of Famer to just a guy simply by changing uniforms? There's something to be said for comfort level. In a sport in which everything seems quantifiable, that's just not. Yet it matters.

Soto arrives at his old home hitting .248/.398/.473 this year, buoyed by a 12-game stint in which he hit six doubles and three homers and has an OPS of 1.142. So maybe he's finding something. Even if so, there are some measurable differences in his approach and the results they're yielding.

A lethal opposite-field hitter when he's rolling — ask current New York Yankees ace Gerrit Cole if he remembers that quality from the 2019 World Series, because he surely does — Soto is pulling the ball just over half the time, by far the highest rate of his career, according to FanGraphs. That site also reveals that Soto is seeing fastballs at a lower rate than at any point in his career — just 39.5 percent of the time, a significant drop from the previous low of 46.5 percent last season. The result of all this: He's striking out 21.8 percent of the time, an astronomical rate when compared with the previous three seasons, all between 14.2 and 14.5 percent.

No hitter in the game relished controlling an at-bat as Soto did, so maybe the new pitch clock rules have rankled him. Maybe this is an early-season funk and he's already in the process of breaking out of it.

Or maybe — just maybe — the collection of stars the Padres have assembled as a "team" just doesn't provide as much comfort as Soto enjoyed in Washington. (Worth nothing: San Diego, with the third-highest payroll in the game, arrives in D.C. at 21-26. The Nats, with a rebuild underway and a payroll that ranks 24th, are 20-27. It's a reminder that spending alone isn't enough. You have to spend wisely.)

For all their newfound, night-in-night-out competitiveness — such a departure from a dreadful, 107-loss slog of 2022 — the Nationals are still in the early stages of the climb back to contention. But by the time Soto reaches free agency at the end of 2024? If they're not ready to strike for a big piece then, something has gone wrong.

Gore, 24, has top-of-the-rotation stuff, and if he lowers his walk rate — look out. A high-ranking official of a team that has faced the Nationals this year told me recently that if he had to pick one player from Washington's entire organization, it would be Gore. Josiah Gray, 25, is now keeping the ball in the ballpark; he just needs to keep more of his pitches in the strike zone. Add to those two potential rotation stalwarts Cade Cavalli — out for now after Tommy John surgery — and Paul Skenes, the 6-foot-6 right-hander from LSU most people in the sport expect the Nats to take with the second pick in the draft, and there might be enough for a marquee free agent to say, "I see where this is headed."

Here's betting that Soto is a marquee free agent at that point. I'm not sure what has gone wrong in San Diego. I just believe that's not the player he should be and will be. He was too mature of a hitter at too young of an age to have those skills precipitously diminish in 99 games as a Padre.

Do the Nationals know who their general manager will be in the offseason of 2024-25? No. Do the Nats know who will own the franchise in the offseason of 2024-25? That's a lot of uncertainty, and any planning for the future has to wait for the Lerner family to figure out when and if it can sell the team.

But what is known: how Juan Soto performed when he was a National. And when Soto picks a place where he'll play for the rest of his career, maybe he'll decide that comfort matters more than it did last summer. When he played his final game as a National on Aug. 1, it seemed crazy to think he would ever return. Fewer than 100 games later, it would be crazy — for both sides — not to consider a reunion.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT LEADS CELTICS, 3-0
Game 1: Miami 123, at Boston 116
Game 2: Miami 111, at Boston 105
Game 3: at Miami 128, Boston 102
Tuesday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
x-Saturday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Monday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED LAKERS, 4-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Game 2: at Denver 108, L.A. Lakers 103
Game 3: Denver 119, at L.A. Lakers 108
Game 4: Denver 113, at L.A. Lakers 11

NBA FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

HEAT-CELTICS WINNER VS. NUGGETS
Thursday, June 1: Miami-Boston winner at Denver, 8:30, ABC
Sunday, June 4: Miami-Boston winner at Denver, 8, ABC
Wednesday, June 7: Denver at Miami-Boston winner, 8:30, ABC
Friday, June 9: Denver at Miami-Boston winner, 8:30, ABC
x-Monday, June 12: Miami-Boston winner at Denver, 8:30, ABC
x-Thursday, June 15: Denver at Miami-Boston winner, 8:30, ABC
x-Sunday, June 18: Miami-Boston winner at Denver, 8, ABC

Nuggets 113, Lakers 111

Denver	28	30	36	19	— 113
L.A. Lakers	34	39	16	22	— 111

DENVER	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gordon	40:43	9-14	1-3	4-6	5	2	22
Porter Jr.	40:57	5-16	2-2	2-10	1	3	15
Jokic	45:16	11-24	5-6	3-14	13	5	30
Caldwell-Pope	39:22	4-10	2-2	1-4	1	2	13
Murray	43:12	10-18	5-5	0-3	5	3	25
Brown	20:29	2-3	2-2	1-2	0	4	6
Green	10:01	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	1	2
TOTALS	240	41-85	19-22	11-40	25	20	113

Percentages: FG .482, FT .864. **3-Point Goals:** 12-33, .364 (Gordon 3-5, Jokic 3-6, Caldwell-Pope 3-7, Porter Jr. 3-10, Brown 0-1, Murray 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 3. **Blocked Shots:** 9 (Jokic 3, Gordon 2, Caldwell-Pope, Green, Murray, Porter Jr.). **Turnovers:** 8 (Jokic 3, Murray 2, Brown, Caldwell-Pope, Porter Jr.). **Steals:** 3 (Murray 2, Jokic). **Technical Fouls:** Gordon, 8:34 second; coach Michael Malone, 00:32 second.

L.A. LAKERS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Hachimura	41:56	3-12	4-4	1-7	0	3	10
James	47:56	15-25	6-7	2-10	9	1	40
Davis	40:02	6-15	9-10	2-14	1	4	21
Reaves	40:41	6-11	4-4	1-2	3	4	17
Schroder	38:16	5-13	0-0	0-2	5	3	13
Russell	14:56	2-4	0-0	1-2	2	2	4
Thompson	9:41	2-4	0-1	1-1	0	0	4
Walker IV	6:32	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
TOTALS	240	40-86	23-26	8-38	20	19	111

Percentages: FG .465, FT .885. **3-Point Goals:** 8-20, .400 (James 4-7, Schroder 3-6, Reaves 1-2, Russell 0-1, Walker IV 0-1, Hachimura 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 12. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Davis 3, Russell). **Turnovers:** 6 (Davis, James, Reaves, Russell, Schroder, Walker IV). **Steals:** 5 (James 2, Schroder 2, Davis). **Technical Fouls:** James, 8:34 second; Lakers, 5:29 second; Lakers, 10:34 third.

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Entering Monday's game.

SCORING	G	AVG
Booker, PHO	11	33.7
Edwards, MIN	5	31.6
Curry, GS	13	30.5
Butler, MIA	13	29.9
Jokic, DEN	14	29.9
Young, ATL	6	29.2
Durant, PHO	11	29.0
Murray, DEN	14	27.9
Brunson, NY	11	27.8
Tatum, BOS	16	27.8
Fox, SAC	7	27.4
Morant, MEM	5	24.6
Middleton, MIL	5	23.8
Embiid, PHI	9	23.7
Westbrook, LAC	5	23.6

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—
Connecticut	2	0	1.000	—
New York	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1½
Indiana	0	2	.000	2

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	2	.000	1½
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Connecticut 80, Washington 74
at New York 90, Indiana 73
Chicago 75, at Phoenix 69

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at Washington, 7
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 10
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL
VIRGINIA
Heritage 7, Rock Ridge 2

SOFTBALL
VIRGINIA
John Champe 2, Patriot 1
Loudoun County 7, Heritage 2
Loudoun Valley 12, Dominion 5

BOYS' LACROSSE
VIRGINIA
James Madison 17, McLean 4
Lake Braddock 20, West Springfield 7
Loudoun County 17, Tuscarora 3
Meridian 10, Fauquier 9
Riverside 25, Riverbend 8
Robinson 19, South County 6
W.T. Woodson 11, Hayfield 10
Yorktown 13, Langley 6

GIRLS' LACROSSE
VIRGINIA
James Madison 11, Yorktown 9
Lightridge 22, Heritage 0
Loudoun County 13, Loudoun Valley 7
Meridian 25, Brentsville 5
Oakton 9, Centreville 5
Riverside 14, Mountain View 10
West Springfield 15, Falls Church 3

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Colgan 2, Forest Park 0

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS LEAD HURRICANES, 3-0
Game 1: Florida 3, at Carolina 2 (4OT)
Game 2: Florida 2, at Carolina 1 (OT)
Game 3: at Florida 1, Carolina 0
Wednesday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Friday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
x-Sunday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS LEAD STARS, 2-0
Game 1: at Vegas 4, Dallas 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Vegas 3, Dallas 2 (OT)
Tuesday's game: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
Thursday's game: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Saturday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 8, ABC
x-Monday's game: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Wenesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, 9, ESPN

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

Panthers 1, Hurricanes 0

CAROLINA	0	0	0	— 0
FLORIDA	0	1	0	— 1

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Florida, Reinhart 7 (Tkachuk, Bennett), 10:05 (pp).

SHOTS ON GOAL

CAROLINA	7	14	11	— 32
FLORIDA	10	5	2	— 17

Power-play opportunities: Carolina 0 of 1; Florida 1 of 4. **Goalies:** Carolina, Andersen 5-2-0 (17 shots-16 saves). Florida, Bobrovsky 10-2-0 (32-32). **A:** 0 (19,250). **T:** 2:34.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

NCAA Super Regionals

Host school is home team for Game 1; visiting school is home team for Game 2; coin flip determines home team for Game 3.
Best of three; x-If necessary

IN DURHAM, N.C.
Friday's game: Stanford at Duke, noon, ESPN
Saturday's game: Duke at Stanford, 3, TBA
x-Sunday's game: Stanford at Duke, TBA

IN NORMAN, OKLA.
Friday's game: Clemson at Oklahoma, 2, ESPN2
Saturday's game: Oklahoma at Clemson , 1, TBA
x-Sunday's game: Clemson at Oklahoma, TBA

IN STILLWATER, OKLA.
Thursday's game: Oregon at Oklahoma State, 9, ESPN2
Friday's game: Oklahoma State at Oregon, 6, TBA
x-Saturday's game: Oregon at Oklahoma State, TBA

IN TALLAHASSEE
Thursday's game: Georgia at Florida State, 7, ESPN2
Friday's game: Florida State at Georgia, 8, TBA
x-Saturday's game: Georgia at Florida State, TBA

IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.
Friday's game: Texas at Tennessee, 4, ESPN2
Saturday's game: Tennessee at Texas, 3, TBA
x-Sunday's game: Texas at Tennessee, TBA

IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
Friday's game: Northwestern at Alabama, 8, ESPNU
Saturday's game: Alabama at Northwestern, 9, TBA
x-Sunday's game: Northwestern at Alabama, TBA

IN SEATTLE
Friday's game: Louisiana at Washington, 10, ESPN2
Saturday's game: Washington at Louisiana, 7, TBA
x-Sunday's game: Louisiana at Washington, TBA

IN SALT LAKE CITY
Friday's game: San Diego State at Utah, 10, ESPNU
Saturday's game: Uath at San Diego State, 5, TBA
x-Sunday's game: San Diego State at Utah, TBA

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
IN ALBANY, N.Y.
Virginia 17, Georgetown 14
Duke 15, Michigan 8

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
IN ANNAPOLIS
Penn State 10, Army 9
Notre Dame 12, Johns Hopkins 9

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD; IN PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Duke vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Virginia vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD; IN PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY'S GAME
TBD, 1, ESPNU

NCAA women's tournament

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Syracuse 13, James Madison 7
Boston College 20, Notre Dame 6
Denver 5, North Carolina 4
Northwestern 16, Loyola (Md.) 6

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK; IN CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Northwestern vs. Denver, 3, ESPNU
Boston College vs. Syracuse, 5:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK; IN CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY'S GAME
TBD, noon, ESPN

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Boston Red Sox: Placed LHP Richard Bleier on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Brennan Bernadino from Worcester (IL).
Houston Astros: Reinstated LHP Parker Mushinski from the 10-day IL. Optioned LHP Matt Gage to Sugar Land (PCL).
Seattle Mariners: Agreed to terms with RHP Marcus Walden on a minor league contract.
Tampa Bay Rays: Placed LHP Jake Diekman on the paternity list. Recalled RHP Zack Burdi from Durham (IL).
Toronto Blue Jays: Placed INF Santiago Espinal on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 21. Recalled INF Otto Lopez from Buffalo (IL).
Los Angeles Dodgers: Returned RHP Gus Varland from Milwaukee. Designated RHP Wander Suero for assignment. Placed LHP Clayton Kershaw on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Gavin Stone from Oklahoma City (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Tayler Scott from Oklahoma City.
Miami Marlins: Acquired Jonathan Davis from Detroit in exchange for OF Brady Allen.
Milwaukee Brewers: Placed LHP Eric Lauer on the 15-day IL, retroactive to May 21. Recalled RHP Tyson Miller form Nashville (IL).

NFL

Atlanta Falcons: Signed WR JJ Arcega-Whiteside. Placed WR Jared Bernhardt on the reserve/retired list.
Baltimore Ravens: Waived OLB Daelin Hayes. Signed QB Josh Johnson.
Buffalo Bills: Re-signed S Dean Marlowe to a one-year contract. Signed TE Joel Wilson.
Cleveland Browns: Signed T Dawand Jones.
Detroit Lions: Added OL Max Pircher to the roster as part of the international player pathway program.
Green Bay Packers: Waived K Parker White. Signed RB Emanuel Wilson.
Houston Texans: Signed DE Jacob Martin. Waived S Darius Joiner.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Waived LBs Tae Crowder and Emeke Egbule and RB Master Teague.
Philadelphia Eagles: Signed LB Nolan Smith.
Seattle Seahawks: Waived LB Chris Garrett. Signed DT LaTrell Bumphus.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	9	1	3	30	21	14
Nashville	7	3	4	25	19	9
New England	7	3	3	24	19	14
Atlanta	6	4	4	22	28	24
Philadelphia	6	4	3	21	20	14
D.C. United	5	5	4	19	19	16
Orlando City	5	4	4	19	16	16
Columbus	5	5	3	18	25	17
Charlotte FC	5	6	3	18	19	25
New York City FC	4	5	4	16	15	16
New York	3	4	7	16	10	12
Inter Miami CF	5	8	0	15	14	17
CF Montréal	5	8	0	15	12	22
Chicago	3	4	6	15	18	21
Toronto FC	2	5	7	13	13	18

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	1	4	25	23	10
Seattle	7	5	2	23	20	13
St. Louis City SC	7	4	1	22	26	13
FC Dallas	6	3	4	22	16	13
San Jose	5	5	3	18	17	18
Minnesota United	5	5	3	18	12	14
Vancouver	4	4	5	17	18	14
Portland	4	6	4	16	18	20
Austin FC	4	5	4	16	13	18
Houston	4	5	3	15	11	11
Real Salt Lake	4	6	3	15	13	22
Colorado	2	6	6	12	12	21
Sporting KC	2	8	4	10	9	21
LA Galaxy	2	8	3	9	10	23

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 0, at Philadelphia 0
at Atlanta 4, Colorado 0
at Charlotte FC 2, Chicago 1
at Cincinnati 3, CF Montréal 0
at Columbus 2, LA Galaxy 0
New York City FC 1, Orlando City 1
New York 0, at Toronto FC 0
at FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
at Minnesota 1, Houston 0
at Nashville 2, Miami 1
Portland 0, at Real Salt Lake 0
Sporting KC 1, at Los Angeles FC 1
Austin FC 2, at Seattle 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at D.C. United 3, LA Galaxy 0
Nashville 2, at Charlotte FC 1
at Cincinnati 3, Columbus 2
Orlando City 3, at Miami 1
at New York 2, CF Montréal 1
at Philadelphia 3, New England 0
at Austin FC 1, Toronto FC 0
Houston 1, at FC Dallas 1
Atlanta 3, at Chicago 3
Real Salt Lake 3, at Colorado 2
at St. Louis City SC 4, Sporting KC 0
at Los Angeles FC 2, San Jose 1
Minnesota 1, at Portland 0
at Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7:30
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30
Chicago at New England, 7:30
Philadelphia at New York City FC, 7:30
Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 8:30
Vancouver at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:30
Charlotte FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30
FC Dallas at San Jose, 10:30
New York at Seattle, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at Sporting KC, 3
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	5	2	1	16	11	7
Portland	4	1	3	15	22	10
San Diego	5	3	0	15	15	10
Washington	4	1	3	15	11	7
OL Reign	4	3	1	13	13	10
North Carolina	3	3	2	11	8	9
Louisville	2	2	4	10	11	9
Orlando	3	4	1	10	7	12
Angel City	2	3	3	9	11	13
Houston	2	3	3	9	5	9
Kansas City	2	6	0	6	9	16
Chicago	1	6	1	4	11	22

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Orlando 2, Washington 1
Angel City 0, at North Carolina 0
Louisville 2, at Kansas City 0
San Diego 3, at Houston 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Portland 4, Chicago 0
Gotham FC 4, at OL Reign 1

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Kansas City, 8
Portland at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City at OL Reign, 3:30
North Carolina at Louisville, 8
Orlando at Chicago, 8

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Washington, 5

TENNIS

ATP

GENEVA OPEN
At Tennis Club de Geneve Eaux-Vives; In Geneva
Purse: $608,614
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Nicolas Jarry, Chile, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-2; Bernabe Zapata Miralles (7), Spain, def. Vitaliy Sachko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4; Adrian Mannarino (8), France, def. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, 7-5, 6-1; Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, def. Daniel Rincon, Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; Yibing Wu, China, def. Marc-Andrea Huesler, Switzerland, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6); Marcos Giron, United States, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-0, 6-4.

LYON OPEN
At Parc de la Tete d'Or; In Lyon, France
Purse: $608,614
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Miomir Kecmanovic (5), Serbia, def. Oriol Roca Batalla, Spain, 6-1, 6-3; Brandon Nakashima (8), United States, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3; Arthur Rinderknech, France, def. Lloyd Harris, South Africa, 6-4, 6-2; Arthur Fils, France, def. Zhang Zhizhen, China, 6-3, 6-2; Mikael Ymer, Sweden, def. Richard Gasquet (7), France, 6-3, 7-5; David Goffin, Belgium, def. Alvaro Lopez San Martin, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.

WTA

GRAND PRIX SON ALTESSE ROYALE LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
At Club des Cheminots; In Rabat, Morocco
Purse: $259,303
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Panna Udvardy, Hungary, 6-1, 6-1; Julia Riera, Argentina, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-3, 6-0; Jana Fett, Croatia, def. Sada Nahimana, Burundi, 6-0, 6-4; Yulia Putintseva (6), Kazakhstan, def. Aya El Aouni, Morocco, 6-1, 6-4; Martina Trevisan (1), Italy, def. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, Spain, 6-2, 0-0, ret; Sloane Stephens (2), United States, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.

INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG
At Strasbourg Tennis Club; In Strasbourg, France
Purse: $243,828
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Clara Burel, France, def. Sorana Cirstea (5), Romania, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5; Bernarda Pera (4), United States, def. Sophie Chang, United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Erin Routliffe, New Zealand, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 7-6 (7-2), 1-6, 6-1; Lauren Davis (7), United States, def. Sarah Iliev, France, 7-5, 6-0; Emma Navarro, United States, def. Tereza Martincova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3; Varvara Gracheva (6), Russia, def. Zhuoxuan Bai, China, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3); Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Zhang Shuai (3), China, 6-0, 6-0; Viktoriya Tomova, Bulgaria, def. Alize Cornet, France, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; Kimberly Birrell, Australia, def. Elena Malygina (6), Estonia, 6-2, 6-3.

ATP RANKINGS
Through Sunday.

SINGLES
1. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 6815
2. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 6330
3. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 5955
4. Casper Ruud, Norway, 4915
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 4775

WTA RANKINGS
Through Sunday.

SINGLES
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 8940
2. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 7541
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 5205
4. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 5090
5. Caroline Garcia, France, 5025

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825 Bids & Proposals

SAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC is seeking qualified DBE firms to bid the Service Life Restoration Program (SLRP 2 & SLRP 4), DC Water projects on 6/6/2023. Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Traffic Control, Excavated Sewer Repairs, Asphalt / Concrete Restoration, Chemical Root Treatment, Cleaning / CCTV with Sonar, Manhole Rehabilitation, Grouting, CIPP Lateral Lining, & Bypass Pumping Systems. If interested, please contact Kevin Maszkiewicz or Matt Rhoads. Phone: 443-297-1900, or bidcippa@sakcon.com

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ALLAN P. FEIGELSON
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

v.

MARJORIE JONES
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAEF 22-30057

NOTICE

Notice, this **24 day of April, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Allan P. Feigelson, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **24 day of May, 2023**, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Prince George's County once in each of three successive weeks before the **24 day of May, 2023**, next.

The report of sale states the amount of sale to be **$216,000.00**.

The address of the property is: **2135 N. Anvil Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County

May 9, 16, 23, 20023 12421985

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Isabelle Carroll Staehlin
Evelyn Inez Seaman
Denise E. Ricks A/K/A
Denise Eugenia Hendrick
Defendants

NO. C-02-CV-23-000015

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 02, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage et al., Substitute Trustees** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1714 MANNING ROAD, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061** to be **$230,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 9, 16, 23, 2023 12421774

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Jason Murphy, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Garrett M. Ferguson, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-000346

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Monday, May 15, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Jennifer Deardorff, Substitute Trustees** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **3525 B OAK ROAD, LAUEL, MD 20724** , to be **$327,795.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 23, 30, 2023
June 6, 2023 12422975

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Mary B Simmons
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-22-001979

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 02, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage et al., Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **623 BYWATER RD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401** to be **$245,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 9, 16, 23, 2023 12421775

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Richard D Boswell
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-001958

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Monday, May 08, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Mark D. Meyer, Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7th day of June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7th day of June 2023 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **494 BRUCE AVENUE, ODENTON, MD 21113** to be **$272,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 16, 23, 30, 2023 12421995

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Brennan Ferguson, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Estate of Lois J. Corcoran, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-20-000867

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 16, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Brennan Baxter Ferguson, Substitute Trustees** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **15th day of June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **15th day of June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **501 2ND AVENUE SOUTHWST, GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND 21061** to be **$253,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
CIRCUIT COURT FOR
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

May 23, 30, 2023
June 6, 2023 12423444

815 Legal Notices

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, *United States of America v. Cargill Meat Solutions Corp., et al.*, Civil Action No. 22-1821.

On July 25, 2022, the United States filed a Complaint against three poultry processors and a data consultant and its president to end a long-running conspiracy in the poultry processing industry. The Complaint alleged that poultry processors that together employ more than 90 percent of all poultry processing plant workers in the United States conspired to collaborate with and assist their competitors in making decisions about worker compensation, including wages and benefits, and to exchange information about current and future compensation plans for their processing plant workers, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. The Complaint also alleged that data consultants facilitated the processors' collaboration and compensation information exchanges in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

On May 17, 2023, the United States filed an Amended Complaint, which added settling defendants George's, Inc. and George's Foods, LLC (collectively "George's"), alleging that George's and the other conspirators participated in the conspiracy to exchange information about wages and benefits for poultry processing plant workers and collaborated with their competitors on compensation decisions.

The proposed Final Judgment, filed at the same time as the Amended Complaint, requires George's to cease its information-sharing. In addition, the Final Judgment imposes a number of prohibitions and requirements on George's. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, George's is prohibited from sharing or facilitating the sharing of competitively sensitive information among competitors and required to cooperate with the United States' ongoing investigation. Additionally, the court will appoint an external monitor to ensure George's compliance with the terms of the settlement and the antitrust laws. George's will also pay restitution to affected poultry processing workers.

A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on May 17, 2023 describes the Amended Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation. Copies of the Amended Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Chief, Civil Conduct Task Force, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 8600, Washington, DC 20530 within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register*.

820 Official Notices

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
ONE COUNTY COMPLEX COURT
PRINCE WILLIAM, VIRGINIA 22192

June 6, 2023
Public Hearings

7:30 p.m.

1. **Rezoning #REZ2022-00014, Haymarket Crossing II:** To rezone ±50.85 acres from PBD, Planned Business District, to PMR, Planned Mixed Residential, with associated development waivers and modifications, for a planned mixed residential community, to include up to 334 age-restricted residential units or 6.57 dwelling units per acre. The property is located ±0.45 miles west of the intersection of Heathcote Blvd. and James Madison Hwy. (Rt. 15) and north of Interstate 66; is addressed as 15401 Heathcote Blvd.; and is identified on County maps as GPIN 7298-54-4528 (pt.). The site is designated RN-3, Residential Neighborhood, which recommends 4 to 12 dwelling units per acre, in the Comprehensive Plan and is located within the Haymarket Activity Center. **Gainesville Magisterial District**

2. **Rezoning #REZ2022-00010, Kings Crest:** To rezone ±81.65 acres from A-1, Agricultural, to SR-1, Semi-Rural Residential, to allow development of up to 31 single-family detached dwellings or 1 dwelling unit per 2.63 acres. The property is located along the north and south sides of Prince William Pkwy., east of the terminus of Fingerlake Way and east of the terminus of Running Brook Rd., is addressed as 6400 Prince William Pkwy., and is identified on County maps as GPIN 7994-70-7727. The site is designated CRes-1B, Conservation Residential, which recommends 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres, in the Comprehensive Plan and is partially located within the Environmental Resource Protection Overlay; and is located within the Domestic Fowl Overlay District, Agritourism and Arts Overlay District, and partially located within the Prince William Parkway Highway Corridor Overlay District. **Occoquan Magisterial District**

For additional information regarding the Board meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (703) 792-6600. All meeting materials are posted online when the agenda is published, and a copy of all staff reports, proposed resolutions and ordinances, and other documentation will be available for review by the public in the office of the Clerk of the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, 22192.

Members of the public may appear at the Board of County Supervisors' Chamber in the McCoart Building, One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, at the designated time to express their views.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The hearings are being held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any persons with questions on the accessibility of the facility should contact the Clerk to the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, or by telephone at (703) 792-6600 or TDD (703) 792-6295. Persons needing translation or interpreter services must notify the Clerk to the Board no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

825 Bids & Proposals

THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(2) Brand New (15) Passenger Van

The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. is inviting firms to submit proposals for **(2) Brand New 15 Passenger Van.** Additional specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm from:

Carl Dyson
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THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
4300 C Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
CDyson@seedschooldc.org
202-248-7773 x 5045

The deadline for submitting bids is June 7th, 2023 at 12:00pm

All bids not addressing all areas as outlined in the RFP will not be considered.

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Aisha Ashur
Samir Youssef-Tellawi A/K/A
Samir Youssef Tellawi A/K/A
Samir Youssef A/K/A
Samir Tellawi
Defendants

NO. C-02-CV-22-001614

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 16, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage, Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **15th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **15th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **304 VERNON AVENUE, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061** to be **$246,510.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 23, 30, 2023
June 6, 2023 12423442

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Jason Murphy, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Richard A. Stone, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-000155

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Monday, May 15, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Jennifer Deardorff, Substitute Trustees** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **2060 QUAKER WAY UNIT 3, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401** , to be **$264,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 23, 30, 2023
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Edgardo D. Montes, dated September 10, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34862, folio 312 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 4:04 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $57,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #2012-26759).

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May 23, 30, June 6, 2023 12423314

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

John Ansell, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Kirk I. Doan,
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-000881

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 16, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Brennan Baxter Ferguson, Substitute Trustees** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **15th day of June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **15th day of June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1517 INGALLS RD, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061** to be **$249,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
CIRCUIT COURT FOR
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

May 23, 30, 2023
June 6, 2023 12423443

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

5130 CASTLE HARBOR WAY UNIT #80, CENTREVILLE, VA 20120

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $361,212.00, with an annual interest rate of 2.875% dated June 29, 2021, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Fairfax** as Deed Book 27201, Page 1637, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fairfax, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **July 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Reference Number 23-292824.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

May 23, 2023
July 11, 18, 2023 12423472

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

5614 STILLWATER CT, BURKE, VA 22015

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $473,141.00, with an annual interest rate of 2.750000% dated June 10, 2020, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Fairfax** as Deed Book 26288, Page 372, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fairfax, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **July 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

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Tax Map No. 0781-160068

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: VA. Reference Number 23-293281.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

May 23, 2023
June 20, 27, 2023 12423097

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

7239 BELINGER COURT, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $335,120.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.875000% dated November 14, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Fairfax** as Deed Book 18916, Page 1242, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Fairfax, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Fairfax located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia on **August 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LOT 142, SECTION 2, BEVERLY PARK

Tax Map No. 0903-10-0142

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 22-289987.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

May 23, 2023
June 28, 2023
July 5, 2023 12423457

850 Montgomery County

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

14622 MCKNEW ROAD
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2016 and recorded in Deed Book 53459 at Page 397 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 7, 2023 AT 12:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 05-02717027

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 3.4% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-002202-01

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May 23, 30, June 6, 2023 12419401

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

5717 ROUND TREE DR, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $484,500.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.791000% dated March 11, 2020, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 202003170020976, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **August 1, 2023 at 3:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot 268, Section 9-I, DALE CITY

Tax Map No. 8092-33-3546

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Reference Number 22-291709.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

May 23, 2023
June 28, 2023
July 5, 2023 12423099

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

8715 BRETTON WOODS DR, MANASSAS, VA 20110

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $224,500.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.000000% dated July 21, 2007, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 200708070090687, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **June 27, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

LOT 8 - SECTION 1, Point of Woods East

Tax Map No. 111-16-00-8

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 19-285505.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

8600 WATERSHED CT.
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Manuel R. Agrella, dated May 25, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32502, folio 189 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $21,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-601329).

The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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May 23, 30, June 6, 2023 12422312

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE SALE

5609 Ivy Hill Dr,
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Spotsylvania County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $438,385.00, dated August 10, 2020 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia, in Document No. 200017241, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Spotsylvania County Judicial Center, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, on **June 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 165, Pod D, Section 2, Lee's Parke, with any improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

450 GIRARD ST., UNIT #333 A/R/T/A UNIT #T2 GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2016, recorded in Liber 51814, Folio 239 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $207,300.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 3:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 333, Phase B, "The Villa Ridge Condominium III" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357666-1)

Howard N. Bierman, Carrie M. Ward, et. al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

8830 PINEY BRANCH RD., UNIT #205 & PARKING SPACE #A-17 SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from John Thomas Fowler and Chinola Jenkins-Fowler, dated December 6, 2007 and recorded in Liber 35159, folio 168 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 4:02 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and described as Unit No. 205 and Parking Space No. A-17 in Pineway Towers Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

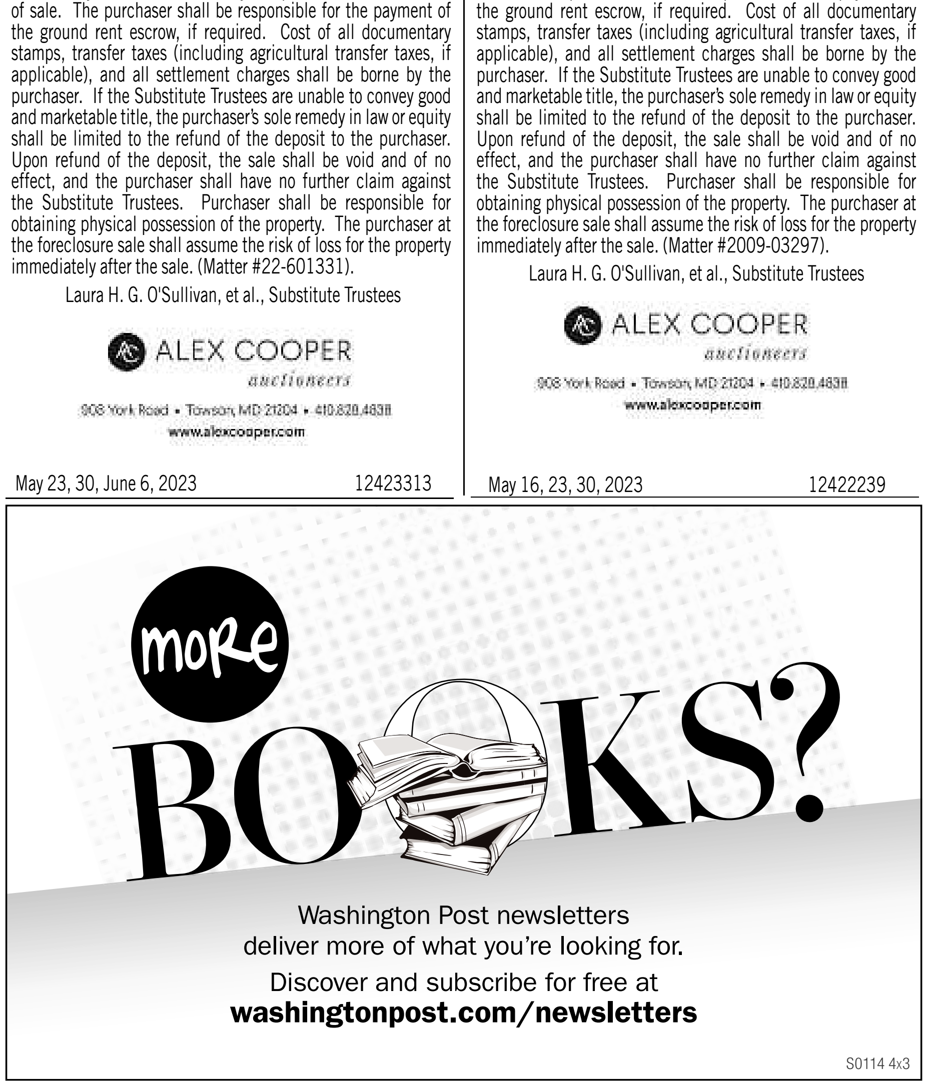
The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $15,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-601331).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

9039 SLIGO CREEK PKWY., UNIT #1802 SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2006, recorded in Liber 32018, Folio 680 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $245,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:58 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 1802 in Parkside Plaza Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 85662-9)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

32 EASTMOOR DR. SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Doris N. Mongo and Moses Mongo, dated October 30, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33367, folio 506 among the Land Records of **Montgomery County**, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 4:08 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $46,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #2009-03297).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

19401 KILDONAN DRIVE GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William Dale Massey, dated May 13, 2020 and recorded in Liber 59606, Folio 464 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with a maximum principal amount of $502,500.00 and an original interest rate of 4.031%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:44 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $50,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458802)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3908 DUNES WAY Burtonsville, MD 20866

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 5, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 35547 at Page 430 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 7, 2023 AT 12:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 05-02798956

Said property is subject to a prior mortgage.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $14,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

15101 INTERLACHEN DR., UNIT #111 SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 25, 2007, recorded in Liber 34312, Folio 542 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $312,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:56 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 1-111, The Greens at Leisure World, A Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356122-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

17616 ROGER DRIVE GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ricardo D. Barrantes, and Magda T. Barrantes, dated September 15, 2010 and recorded in Liber 40203, Folio 387 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $384,000.00, and an original interest rate of 4.875%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:42 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $33,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 451445)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11714 VEIRS MILL RD. SILVER SPRING, MD 20902

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 14, 2017, recorded in Liber 55701, Folio 183 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $376,062.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:54 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360220-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9 CARAVAN COURT GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Vera Rose Allahyari, and Frida Rafizadeh-Rafii, dated April 14, 2017 and recorded in Liber 54241, Folio 383 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $225,000.00, and an original interest rate of 4.500%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $21,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 459172)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

18508 Hedgegrove Terrace, Olney, MD 20832 Account ID 08-02310355

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 29, 2021 and recorded on November 8, 2021 in Book 64520 at Page 9 from MCR Partners LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to Daniel Huertas ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated October 29, 2021 in the principal amount of $555,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 18, 2022 and recorded on August 18, 2022 in Book 66156 at Page 226 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on

JUNE 1, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Montgomery County**, Maryland, commonly known as 18508 Hedgegrove Terrace, Olney, MD 20832, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $50,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

13773 AVONSHIRE DR. SILVER SPRING, MD 20904

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2008, recorded in Liber 36207, Folio 178 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $200,091.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 26, 2023 AT 2:50 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 354419-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

16 ROCKCREST CIRCLE ROCKVILLE, MD 20851

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kevin P. Jay, dated September 22, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33108, Folio 213 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $402,500.00, and an original interest rate of 4.875%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

May 26, 2023 AT 2:40 pm

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $31,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 453470)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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9015 WALLACE ROAD Lanham, MD 20706

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JUNIUS N. SOUTHALL AND VIRGINIA L. SOUTHALL, dated January 4, 2007 and recorded in book 27285 , page 550 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF21-07140; Tax ID No. 20-2260248) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

JUNE 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 43,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0169)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

4906 Berwyn Road College Park, MD 20740 Account ID 21-2318996

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated March 15, 2019 and recorded on April 10, 2019 in Book 41971 at Page 360 from T&S PARTNERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Borrower"), as grantor, to DANIEL HUERTAS ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of DP CAPITAL LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated March 15, 2019 in the principal amount of $151,430.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 1, 2022 and recorded on August 4, 2022 in Book 48009 at Page 532 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, on

MAY 25, 2023 AT 12:10 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Prince George's County**, Maryland, commonly known as 4906 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD 20740, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from SYLVIA D. SOCKWELL, dated February 5, 2007 and recorded in book 27376 , page 506 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF21-16579; Tax ID No. 18-2016079) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

JUNE 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 24,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0265)

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from NAOMI T. MAYNOR, dated May 5, 2017 and recorded in book 39636 , page 117 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF22-30069; Tax ID No. 18-2093151) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 18,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0411)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON, NICOLE LIPINSKI,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

4904 Berwyn Road College Park, MD 20740 Account ID 21-2385946

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated March 15, 2019 and recorded on April 10, 2019 in Book 41971 at Page 360 from T&S PARTNERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Borrower"), as grantor, to DANIEL HUERTAS ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of DP CAPITAL LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated March 15, 2019 in the principal amount of $151,430.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 1, 2022 and recorded on August 4, 2022 in Book 48009 at Page 532 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, on

MAY 25, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Prince George's County**, Maryland, commonly known as 4904 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD 20740, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

14040 Vista Drive Unit 114C Laurel, MD 20707

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ROSENBERG AND ASSOCIATES, LLC., Trustee(s), dated October 31, 2018, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 41616, folio 597, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CONVEYED BY DEED OF TRUST RECORDED DECEMBER 12, 2018 IN LIBER 41616, FOLIO 597

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 5.75% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (79930)

Robert A. Jones, et al
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

7701 BERRY PLACE District Heights, MD 20747

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from AUDREY E. NUE LIVING TRUST DATED 12/10/1998 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AUDREY E. NUE IS THE SOLE BENEFICIARY OF THE AUDREY E. NUE LIVING TRUST, dated March 6, 2018 and recorded in book 41036 , page 428 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF21-12138; Tax ID No. 06-0578047) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

JUNE 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 17,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0155)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3716 LEEDS DRIVE
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2015, and recorded in Liber 36919, folio 376, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $185,574.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0563346

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-074842)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4613 BROOKFIELD DRIVE
Suitland, MD 20746

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BEATRICE H. LUMPKIN SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF LEONARD B. LUMPKIN, dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in book 39015 , page 191 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF21-14736; Tax ID No. 06-0482224) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

MAY 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0320)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
11354 CHERRY HILL ROAD, Unit 1X-102
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 2, 2021, and recorded in Liber 45766, folio 75, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $121,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-0075788

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $11,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-076147)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
3619 COUSINS DR
GLENARDEN, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 15, 2013, and recorded in Liber 34844, folio 580, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $181,649.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 20-2215606

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $16,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-083981)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6805 CALVERTON DR
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20782

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 5, 2005, and recorded in Liber 22355, folio 79, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $365,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 17-1860758

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $14,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-044195)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4307 19TH AVE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 23, 2006, and recorded in Liber 25326, folio 064, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $495,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-1266723

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $32,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.91% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-079278)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3504 KEYSTONE MANOR PLACE
FORRESTVILLE, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2006, and recorded in Liber 26808, folio 058, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $516,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0599530

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $21,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.53% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012350)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

9260 CHERRY LANE, Unit 33
LAUREL, MD 20708

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 10, 2015, and recorded in Liber 37464, folio 668, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $211,119.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 10-1070549

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $19,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-067032)

Genevieve Johnson, Substitute Trustees

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

2702 KENTON PLACE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 29, 2007, and recorded in Liber 27870, folio 722, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $393,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0648055

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.58% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012365)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5604 AVON COURT
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated August 29, 2005, and recorded in Liber 23287, folio 659, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $469,342.50, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 09-0868133

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $34,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.39% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-079358)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

7615 MOUNTAIN VIEW WAY HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2005, and recorded in Liber 23835, folio 611, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $168,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 18-1997121

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (19-354182)

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852 Anne Arundel County

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

504 MARION ROAD Glen Burnie, MD 21061

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY JANE WHALEY, dated July 7, 2008 and recorded in book 20426 , page 563, RE-RECORDED SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 IN LIBER 21588, FOLIO 337 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001622; Tax ID No. 04-323-04701100) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT GROUND RENT LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

Said property is subject to an annual ground rent in the amount of $180.00 due and payable on the28th day of February and August in each and every year.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 27,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 68612.0087)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON, Substitute Trustee (s)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3612 S. RIVER TERRACE Edgewater, MD 21037

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DONNA J. GERARD, dated February 14, 2012 and recorded in book 24361 , page 368 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001812; Tax ID No. 01-480-02807150) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

MAY 25, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 75,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0322)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON, MARC L. MEDEL, NICOLE LIPINSKI, Substitute Trustee (s)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

11428 STIRRUP LANE LUSBY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 5, 2018, and recorded in Liber 5180, folio 196, of the land records of CALVERT COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $194,413.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-077872

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $19,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-104616)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

2144 BOXWOOD CIRCLE BRYANS ROAD, MD 20616

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 15, 2014, and recorded in Liber 8561, folio 384, of the land records of **CHARLES COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $244,897.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 07-028768

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $20,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-054021)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

201 W. RIVERVIEW ROAD Brooklyn, MD 21225

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JANET L. CASE, dated March 18, 2008 and recorded in book 18409 , page 001 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-cv-22-000797; Tax ID No. 05-047-03415850) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 17,000 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0299)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5900 BELLE GROVE ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21225

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BARBARA A. AVERY-TAYLOR, dated April 21, 2011 and recorded in book 20458 , page 213 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-22-000100; Tax ID No. 05-624-14359100) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 56,000 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0260)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

789 ANNAPOLIS NECK ROAD Annapolis, MD 21403

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ALICE L. JAMES AND TRUSTEE OR HER SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE ALICE JAMES LIVING TRUST, dated March 24, 2015 and recorded in book 28267 , page 80 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001793; Tax ID No. 06-000-90021001) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0343)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6670 MACKALL ROAD ST LEONARD, MD 20685

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in Liber 02775, folio 394, of the land records of **CALVERT COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $544,185.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-014633

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $26,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.480% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012388)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

26 Mooncoin Circle Waldorf, MD 20602

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY JOYCE NEVILLE, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in book 6784 , page 94 among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-08-CV-22-000402; Tax ID No. 06-013953) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CHARLES COUNTY courthouse located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

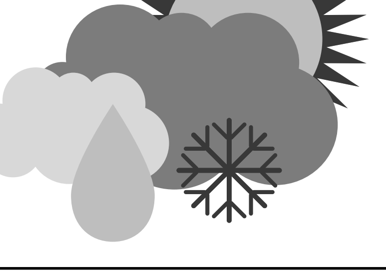
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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 68612.0038)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2019, and recorded in Liber 10971, folio 392, of the land records of **CHARLES COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $309,294.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# -

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $30,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-013933)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
7191C CYPRESS COURT FREDERICK, MD 21703

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sahia Elh Mahamadou Badamassi, dated October 26, 2007 and recorded in Liber 6787, Folio 0351 among the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $199,000.00, and an original interest rate of 5.000%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Frederick County, 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701, on

June 2, 2023 AT 12:20 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $13,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 444541)

Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery,
Christianna Kersey, and Kevin Hildebeidel,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
1488 HEATHER RIDGE CT. FREDERICK, MD 21702

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Derrick J. Smith dated March 21, 2022 and recorded in Liber 15825, folio 500 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 11:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #02-075911.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002770-MD-F-2.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
104 GREENWICH DR. WALKERSVILLE, MD 21793

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Joseph Claude Lajoie, dated July 15, 2015 and recorded in Liber 10675, folio 39 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 11:40 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Frederick County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $22,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #20-604483).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON
6905 GREENVALE CT. FREDERICK, MD 21702

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 21, 2008, recorded in Liber 6911, Folio 291 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $544,185.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 9, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $34,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359845-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
1572 WHEYFIELD DR. FREDERICK, MD 21701

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Paulette Long, dated April 5, 2010 and recorded in Liber 7798, folio 125 among the Land Records of **Frederick County**, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 12:25 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Frederick County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $18,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-600973).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON
427 BANKSIA DR. FREDERICK, MD 21701

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 10, 2006, recorded in Liber 5975, Folio 414 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $208,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

MAY 26, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 146708-1)

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857 Howard County

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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5900 Great Star Drive, #106 Clarksville, MD 21029

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from WILLIAM J. KLEIN AND MARIANNA J. KLEIN, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in book 12446 , page 007 among the Land Records of **HOWARD COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-13-CV-22-000020; Tax ID No. 15-136049) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction HOWARD COUNTY courthouse located at 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 .

JUNE 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 43,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for HOWARD COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 58342.0233)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON, NICOLE LIPINSKI,
MARC MEDEL, Substitute Trustee (s)

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May 23, 30, June 6, 2023 12420359

870 Arlington County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE
4049 35th STREET NORTH ARLINGTON, VA 22207

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2017, in the original amount of $1,650,000.00, recorded as Instrument Number 20170100018297 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of **Arlington County**, Virginia (**"Clerk's Office"**), the undersigned Trustees, any of whom may act, will on **May 31, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.**, by the front main outside entrance to the building housing the Arlington County Circuit Court, 1425 N Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia 22201, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon:

All of Lot 18, Broyhill Forest (erroneously stated as Broyhill Estates in prior recorded deed), as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1040 at Page 40, among the land records of Arlington County, Virginia.

Tax Map Number(s): 03-035-077

This sale is subject to the restrictions, rights of way, conditions, easements, and mechanic's liens, if any, whether of record or not of record, to the extent any of the foregoing apply and take priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

Deposit of $100,000.00 by cashier's check shall be required to qualify as a bidder prior to the sale, except from the Noteholder.

The deposit, without interest, is applied to the purchase price at settlement. Settlement will be held on or before fifteen (15) days after sale; time being of the essence. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Property shall be resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by bank or cashier's check or wire transfer. Settlement shall be at the offices of the Substitute Trustees or other mutually agreed location. The Property and any improvements thereon shall be sold in "as is" condition without any warranties. The successful bidder shall assume all loss or damage to the Property from and after the strike down of the final bid at the sale. Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty including, but not limited to, the preparation of the deed, grantor's tax and if applicable, the congestion relief fee and the Regional WMATA Capital Fee. Real estate taxes, prorated to the date prior to the foreclosure, will be paid by the Substitute Trustees. The purchaser shall be responsible for all assessments, sewer or water charges, and real estate taxes due from and after the sale date. The sale is subject to such additional terms as the Substitute Trustees may announce at the time of sale. The purchaser will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale incorporating all the terms of the sale.

Jeremy B. Root
James R. Meizanis, Jr.
Wendy E. Cousler

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May 16, 23, 2023 12422716

873 Prince William County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
3049 Cahill Lane, Dumfries, Virginia 22026

In execution of that certain deed of trust in the original principal amount of $242,000.00 dated April 22, 2005 and recorded among the land records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County**, Virginia as Instrument Number 200504260066023, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substituted Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing the said indebtedness, the undersigned Substituted Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the main entrance to the Circuit Court for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20110, on:

June 8, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

The property described in said deed of trust located at the above street address, and more particularly described as:

Lot 22, Section 8, WAYSIDE VILLAGE, Phase 1, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1743 at Page 762 and resubdivided in Deed Book 1784 at Page 893 (previously incorrectly referred to as 793), and as per plat recorded in Plat Book 118 at Page(s) 73-82, Deed of Confirmation recorded in Deed Book 1858 at Page 544, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

For informational purposes only:

Tax/Map ID: 8289-44-6773

Property Address: 3049 CAHILL LANE

DUMFRIES, VA 22026

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or certified funds. A non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier's check to the undersigned will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Terms of sale to be complied with within 14 days from date of sale or deposit will be forfeit and property will be resold at costs of defaulting purchaser. All real estate taxes to be adjusted as of date of sale. All costs of conveyancing, examination of title, state and local recording fees, grantor taxes, notary fees, etc., to be at cost of purchaser. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold as is, without representations or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all other liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the aforesaid deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The below company is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
ST, LLC (VA)
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May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2023 12421122

875 Fauquier County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
7324 Reese Court, Warrenton, VA 20187

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated January 11, 2007 and recorded at Book 1249 Page 3 in the Clerk's Office for the **Fauquier County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $482,600.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Fauquier County Circuit Court, 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, VA 20186.

June 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

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Goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky, right, made 32 saves in his first playoff shutout to lift the Panthers.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Florida blanks Carolina, goes up 3-0

PANTHERS 1, HURRICANES 0

BY TIM REYNOLDS

SUNRISE, FLA. — The chants of fans in Florida drowned out the public-address announcer at the end of the game Monday night, making it impossible to hear his call of the first star of the game.

Then again, they already knew who it was going to be.

"Bobby!"

"Bobby!"

"Bobby!"

Sergei Bobrovsky earned those cries from the 20,000 or so who chanted in unison, after leaving no doubt in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals — and putting the Panthers on the cusp of their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals in 27 years. Bobrovsky stopped 32 shots for his first playoff shutout, and the Panthers blanked the Carolina Hurricanes, 1-0, on Monday night.

"No matter what the score is, we're just trying to make it as easy as possible for him," said Panthers forward Sam Reinhart, who got the game's lone goal on a second-period power play.

Bobrovsky is now 10-1 in his past 11 appearances and has been almost perfect in the past eight games. Going back to Game 1 of the second round against the Toronto Maple Leafs, Bobrovsky has not allowed more than two goals in any contest, with 296 saves on 309 shots — a .958 save percentage.

And if that doesn't sound absurd enough, try this: Of the past 110 shots he has faced, Bobrovsky has stopped 109 — starting in the third period of the four-overtime win in Game 1.

"We're happy with the 'W,' we're happy with the win, but the next game is going to be a big game," Bobrovsky said.

It could be Florida's biggest since 1996, the last year in which the Panthers played for the Stanley Cup. They can clinch a return trip with a Game 4 win Wednesday.

This marks the 205th time that a team has taken a 3-0 series lead in NHL playoff history. Of the first 204, 200 went on to win the series.

The Panthers are 2-0 when taking the first three games of a series; the Hurricanes are 0-5 when dropping the first three.

"We can't do much more," Hurricanes Coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "We like how we're playing, clearly. It's just we've got to find a way to put one in."

Matthew Tkachuk and Sam Bennett had the assists on Reinhart's goal. But it wasn't a perfect night for Florida: Captain Aleksander Barkov left with about seven minutes to go in the first period with a lower-body injury and did not return. Panthers Coach Paul Maurice did not have an update on Barkov's condition after the game.

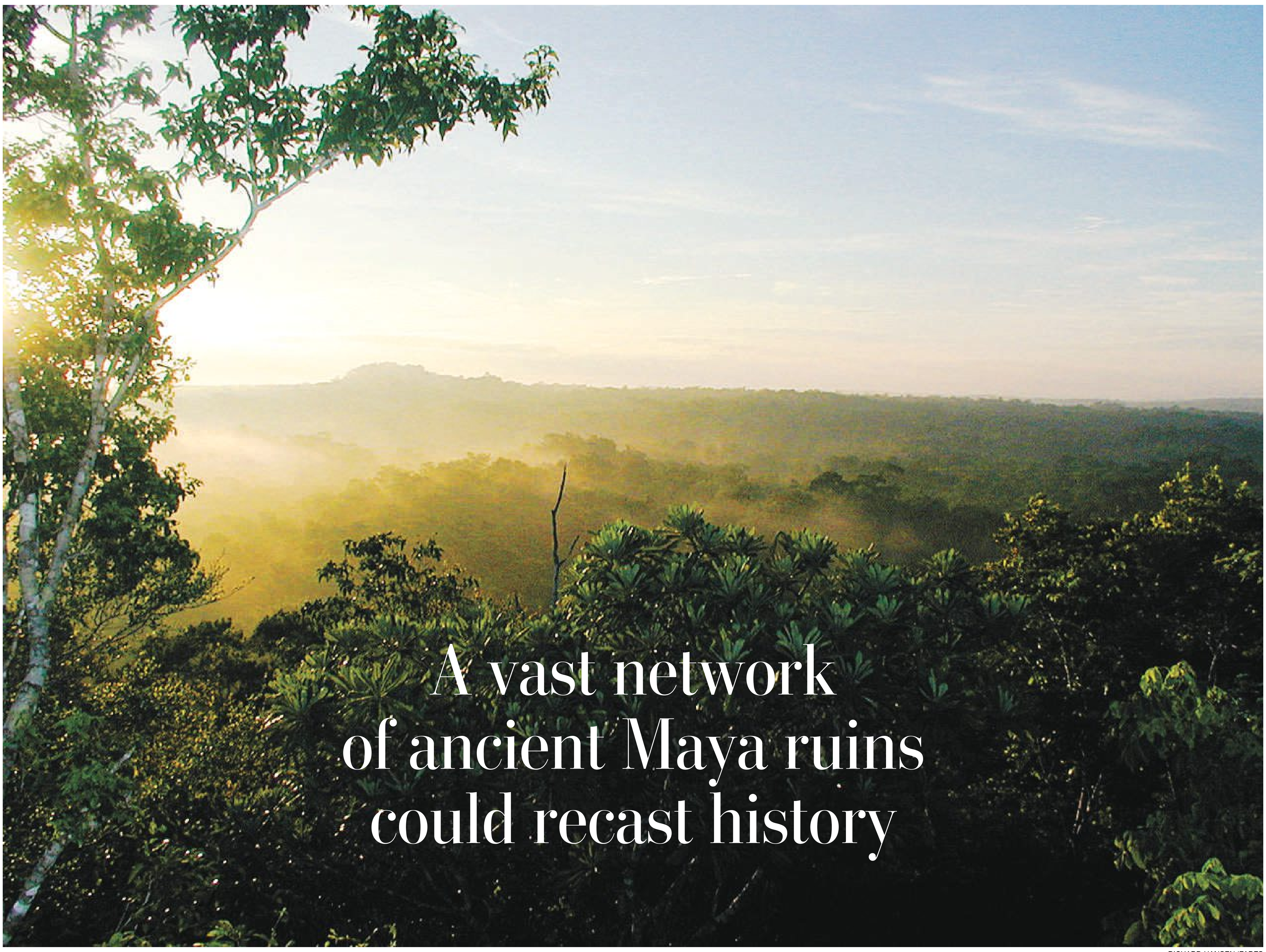
Frederik Andersen stopped 16 shots for Carolina. The Hurricanes pulled him with 3:22 left, desperate for the tying goal, but barely even managed to test Bobrovsky the rest of the way. And when it was over, the Hurricanes' Jesperi Kotkaniemi was seen smashing his stick on the way to the locker room, the frustration so obvious.

That's what a night of facing Bobrovsky does right now.

—Associated Press



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A vast network of ancient Maya ruins could recast history

Researchers find 417 cities, 'superhighways' dating to circa 1,000 B.C. in Guatemalan jungle

BY CHARLOTTE LYTTON

Beneath 1,350 square miles of dense jungle in northern Guatemala, scientists have discovered 417 cities that date back to circa 1,000 B.C. and that are connected by nearly 110 miles of "superhighways" — a network of what researchers called "the first freeway system in the world." ¶ Scientist say this extensive road-and-city network, along with sophisticated ceremonial complexes, hydraulic systems and agricultural infrastructure, suggests that the ancient Maya civilization, which stretched through what is now Central America, was far more advanced than previously thought. ¶ Mapping the area since 2015 using lidar technology — an advanced type of radar that reveals things hidden by dense vegetation and the tree canopy — researchers have found what they say is evidence of a well-organized economic, political and social system operating some two millennia ago. ¶ The discovery is sparking a rethinking of the accepted idea that the people of the mid- to late-Preclassic Maya civilization (1,000 B.C. to A.D. 250) would have been only hunter-gatherers, "roving bands of nomads, planting corn," says Richard Hansen, the lead author of a study about the finding that was published in January and an affiliate research professor of archaeology at Idaho State University. SEE MAYA ON E7



ANDRES TURCIOS AND MIRCINY MOLIVIATIS/FARES

TOP: El Mirador, a jungle region in northern Guatemala. ABOVE: The La Danta pyramid. In the jungle, researchers have found evidence of a well-organized system of hundreds of ancient Maya cities.

Heart disease poised to kill more seniors

Navigating Aging
JUDITH GRAHAM

Cardiovascular disease — the No. 1 cause of death among people 65 and older — is poised to become even more common in the years ahead, disproportionately affecting Black and Hispanic communities and exacting an enormous toll on the health and quality of life of older Americans.

The estimates are sobering: From 2025 to 2060, the rate of ischemic heart disease (a condition caused by blocked arteries and also known as coronary artery disease) in the United States could climb by 31 percent, heart failure by 33 percent, heart attacks by 30 percent and strokes by 34 percent, according to a team of researchers from Harvard and other institutions. The greatest increase would come between 2025 and 2030, they predicted.

The dramatic expansion of the U.S. aging population (cardiovascular disease is far more common in older adults than in younger people) and rising numbers of people with conditions that put them at risk of heart disease and stroke — high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity foremost among them — are expected to contribute to this alarming scenario.

And, because the risk factors are more common among Black and Hispanic populations, cardiovascular illness and death will become even more common for these groups, the researchers predicted.

"Disparities in the burden of cardiovascular disease are only going to be exacerbated" unless targeted efforts are made to strengthen health education, expand prevention and improve access to effective therapies, according to an accompanying editorial written by physicians from Stony Brook University in New York and Baylor University Medical Center in Texas.

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A hot debate: What color is the sun?

BY MARÍA LUISA PAÚL

Kids around the world have always drawn the sun a little differently. Americans tend to sketch a yellow circle surrounded by straight lines — sometimes with a smiley face or black shades. Japanese children might make their circle red, not unlike their country's flag.

Now, adults are fiercely debating the color of our solar system's star, with some insisting it has changed hues since their childhood.

It all started May 3 when writer Jacqui Deevoy tweeted that the round yellow sun of her childhood had suddenly turned white and wonky looking. In a matter of days, the post amassed

SEE SUN ON E2

WELL+BEING

Here's why some people cannot burp

Eating Lab
HANNAH DOCTER-LOEB

Stomach problems have plagued Molly Rhymer, a 35-year-old from Los Angeles, for as long as she can remember. But no doctor could solve her real problem: She couldn't burp.

It wasn't until the retail worker spent time on Reddit that she discovered there were others suffering from the bloating, gurgling sounds, embarrassment and pain that go along with being unable to burp.

In 2019, the condition that patients often described as "no-burp syndrome,"

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Colorful debate over the sun's hue

SUN FROM E1

over 6 million views and divided users into two camps: those who agreed with Deevoy and those who said the sun had always looked white.

So, what color *is* the giant star: yellow or white? According to science, it's a bit of both, but also neither.

"The sun would appear green if your eye could handle looking at it," said W. Dean Pesnell, project scientist of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory. "Basically, when you look at the sun, it has enough of all the different colors in it and it's so bright that everybody's eyes are firing like crazy and saying, 'It's too bright for me to tell you what color it is.' That's why the sun looks white to us."

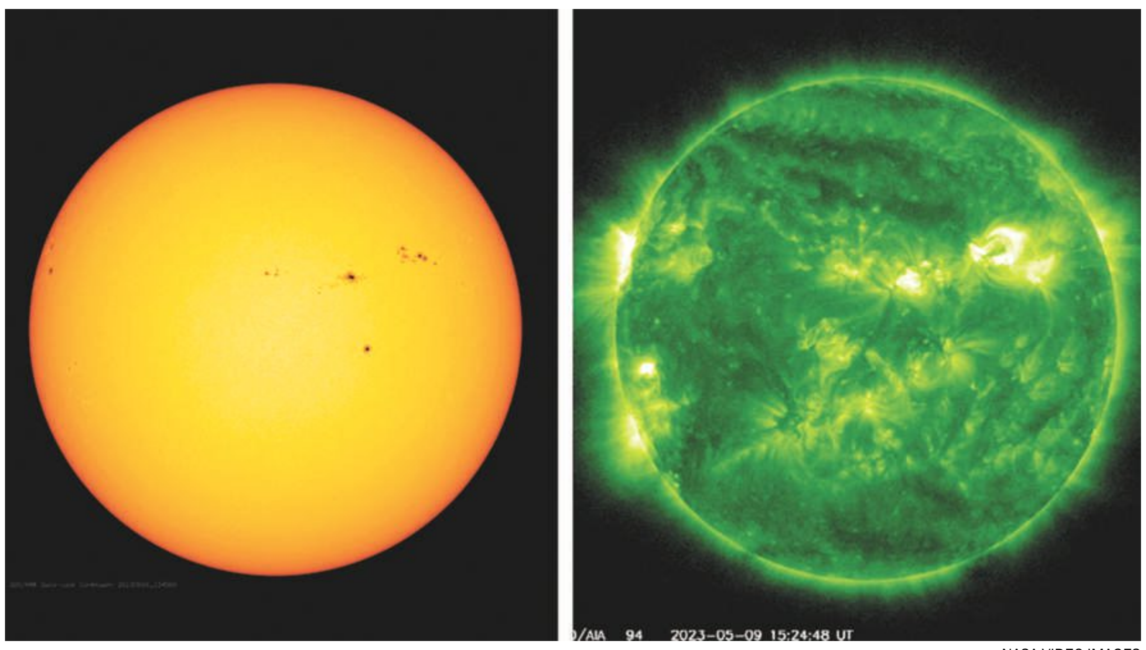
From 93 million miles away, the sun usually looks like a white spot in the sky. But the reason many people perceive a yellow tint has to do with how light is scattered, Pesnell said.

Molecules in the air redirect sunlight's blue and violet wavelengths, allowing more yellow and red ones to hit our eyes. (This is also why the sky looks blue.) As day turns into night, sunlight has to pass through a thicker atmosphere — thus, more molecules scatter its blue hues and lead to dazzling displays of oranges and reds during sunset, he added.

"Essentially," Pesnell said, "it's a green star that looks white because it's too bright, and it can also appear yellow, orange or red because of how our atmosphere works."

What we perceive as the sun's hue is really light bouncing off surfaces. When it comes to stars, color equals temperature, Pesnell said. The hotter a star, the more blue light it gives off, while cooler stars appear red.

With a temperature that tops 27 million degrees Fahrenheit in its core, the sun is "somewhere in the middle, in this weird space where we can't perceive its color," Pesnell said — but the massive, glowing mass of gases is bound to change hues in the very, very distant future.



NASA VIDEO IMAGES

Left: An image of the sun taken in visible light. It was processed to make it appear orange. Right: An image of the sun that was colored green to study solar flares.

The sun is the source of all the light and heat that makes flowers bloom, birds sing and beachgoers smile because of the conversion of hydrogen into helium taking place deep inside its core. That hydrogen gas will eventually run out, however. The sun will balloon and take on a deep red shade before it turns Earth and other nearby planets into snacks. So, Pesnell said, the sun will glow bright blue for a bit — and then dim away into such a low temperature that its color will become imperceptible.

That doomsday, however, isn't predicted for at least 4 billion to 5 billion more years.

"The sun is at its midlife, and it still has quite a lot of years before it changes colors," Pesnell said. "It still hasn't dimmed out one bit."

So why are some people convinced it has turned whiter? It has more to do with the brain's perception of the sun than astrophysics, Pesnell said. And perceptions can differ from person to person.

"When astronomers say color, they really mean temperature," he said. "But to anyone in the public, color just means the color you see and how you make sense of the world."

In its most physical sense, color is what people see when a wavelength enters the eye. There, specialized cells send signals to the brain, which translates the waves into the colors we see. And though everybody is essentially receiving the same information, what we make of it is marked by individual life experiences and backgrounds, said Alice Skelton, who researches developmental color science at the University of Sussex in England.

"We think of perception and vision as being really straightforward, with this idea of 'I have my eyes and see,'" Skelton said. "And actually, it's not like that at all. It's influenced by where you grow up, when you grow up and who you grow up around."

Take the famous "white dress or blue dress" debate that divided the world in 2015.

People believed the garment to be one color or the other depending on their perception, Skelton said: "It's the same input, but what you come in with gives you different answers. For people who are more used to being in the sunlight, the dress looked one way. For those who are more used to shadows, it looked a different way."

The same thing happens in the Arctic Circle, where some children are born during long periods of darkness and others experience prolonged sunlight. As adults, Skelton said, research showed their time of birth influenced their abilities to distinguish different shades. Language may also play a role, she added, with some cultures not having a word to differentiate between blue and green, for instance.

People's upbringings and how they learn to associate colors with objects can also affect our perceptions, Skelton said — something she posited could be contributing to the yellow-or-white-sun debate happening on Twitter.

"When you're a kid, you don't necessarily pay that much attention to these deep philosophical questions about the nature of color and light in the way you might start to when you're sitting in your office looking out the window on a sunny day, so perhaps you just override your memory with the learned association of 'yellow equals sun,' which you leaned on heavily as a child," she said.

"This is just another neat example of how life paints color," Skelton added.

Proposal would relax relocation rules for wildlife

But making it easier to move endangered species because of climate change may backfire, critics say

BY ALEX BROWN

Nine years ago, a team of scientists studying a violet-blue, thumb-sized butterfly found only two remaining in a rolling landscape of dunes along southern Lake Michigan.

The pair, the last two Karner blue butterflies ever seen in the area, had emerged two years after an unusually hot spring wiped out most of their ancestors. The warmth caused the caterpillars to hatch from their eggs early, before the lupine plant they eat had emerged from the soil. And, just like that, the southernmost population of the endangered butterfly was gone.

Because of climate change, the remaining populations of the Karner blue could face the same fate — unless state and federal wildlife officials move the butterfly farther north. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees plants and animals listed under the Endangered Species Act, prohibits the relocation of endangered species outside their historic range.

That could be on the verge of changing.

Soon, the federal agency is expected to issue a final rule that would empower wildlife officials to relocate species marooned on shrinking climate islands, a tactic known as assisted migration.

Wildlife managers in Michigan and some other states, along with many environmental organizations and some wildlife scientists, believe it makes sense to relocate species that might be killed by warming temperatures, sea level rise, droughts and wildfires. But other states, backed by other wildlife scientists, fear the proposal could lead to disaster.

'A very risky experiment'

In Arizona, state biologists have worked with federal officials to bring back the Mexican gray wolf, a species native to the Southwest with only a few hundred individuals remaining in the wild. Some conservation groups want the wolves introduced farther north than they are currently found.

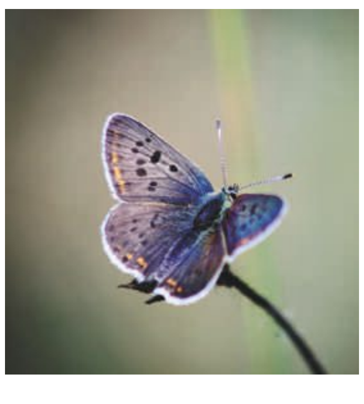
"The Mexican wolf is the best example of why this [proposed rule change] is a bad idea," said Jim Heffelfinger, wildlife science coordinator with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Taking animals outside of the ecological and evolutionary pressures





ISTOCK PHOTOS

LEFT CLOCKWISE: A male Mexican gray wolf, a Guam kingfisher and a female Karner blue butterfly.



that shaped them is a very risky experiment."

Heffelfinger and his colleagues fear the rule change could be used to establish the wolves in northern Arizona, where they could interbreed with other wolf species, causing "genetic swamping" that would further imperil the species.

"It basically becomes an exotic species in that new habitat and may have very harmful impacts on existing species that have not evolved together to adapt," said Jim Odenkirk, general counsel with the Arizona agency.

Some conservation groups dispute the state's assertions, arguing that habitat to the north is needed to support a growing population of wolves. The fierce divide over where the wolves belong could be a preview of the fights to come.

Some states have expressed general support for the need to relocate species while also raising concerns about specific elements of the proposal — often calling for more state involvement.

Neither is a 'great' choice

Federal officials already have some power to move species. Under a provision of the Endangered Species Act, federal wildlife managers can introduce experimental populations of plants and animals in areas where they previously lived.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials say they have used that provision to establish 73 experimental populations, representing 47 species. The National Marine Fisheries Service has also reintroduced some marine species under that authority.

The law also allows for such introductions to happen outside a species' historic range, but only in rare circumstances in which its original habitat has been "unsuitably and irreversibly altered or destroyed." The agency is proposing to use that exemption to relocate, for example, the Guam kingfisher to a new habitat, helping it escape an invasive snake that threatens the bird's survival in its historic territory.

Some states say that wording gives the agency the authority to help imperiled species. But the new proposal would allow species to be moved before their habitat is completely lost, giving wildlife managers a head start against the oncoming threats of climate change.

"If we wait until the species' habitat is underwater, it's too late," said Elise Bennett, Florida director and senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental advocacy group.

Some wildlife researchers say they see the need for the rule change, but they also see how it could go wrong.

"You either have to allow for species to go extinct because they're no longer compatible where they are or move them to a new area where they may turn into an invasive species or cause other kinds of problems," said Alejandro Camacho, faculty director for the Center for Land, Environment and Natural Resources at the University of California at Irvine School of Law. "Neither of those choices are great."

While Camacho and others have expressed cautious support for the proposal, some believe it's likely to cause more problems than it solves.

"To do a serious risk assessment would take about a doctoral dissertation's worth of research, and they're not going to spend that kind of money or take that kind of time to do that," said Dan Simberloff, an environmental science professor at the University of Tennessee.

Even if the rule is changed, said Jessica Hellmann, executive director of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, the number of species threatened by climate change far outweighs the resources and political will to relocate them.

"It will undoubtedly be pursued for some species but not others," Hellmann said.

Regardless of the feds' decision, the conversation is probably just beginning.

"In order to save some species, you have to look outside of where they've been — unless you give up on the species, and none of us want to do that," said Kyle Briggs, chief deputy director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. "But you can't put a species somewhere it's never been and not expect some level of impact."

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SCIENCE NEWS

A rare, endangered Mediterranean monk seal becomes a celebrity while basking on a beach

An unexpected visitor spotted sunbathing on a beach in Tel Aviv is turning heads and causing a media buzz.

But it's not Quentin Tarantino, American film director and Tel Aviv mainstay, or another Hollywood celebrity. It's Yulia, an endangered Mediterranean monk seal.

The seal cow first appeared south of Tel Aviv's main beachfront on May 12. Last week, Yulia drew clusters of curious onlookers to the rocky beach south of Jaffa's historic center.

Mediterranean monk seals are listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, with as few as 350 mature specimens estimated to exist in the wild.

The populations of the marine mammal have dwindled because of historic seal hunting, fishing and habitat destruction.

Rarely spotted on Israel's shores, the dwindling Mediterranean monk seal populations are believed to survive in only a handful of places in the Mediterranean Sea.

Israel's Nature and Park Authority has fenced off the section of beach where Yulia has come ashore to rest and dispatched volunteers to monitor her from a distance.

Still, her appearance is a sensation.

"This is a very rare event that a monk seal stays for such a long time on the shore," said Aviad Scheinin, a marine biologist from the University of Haifa.

Yulia is molting, a multiday process of shedding her winter coat, he explained, during which time she has been resting on the shore and taking occasional excursions out to sea.

Scheinin said fellow researchers from around the eastern Mediterranean have identified Yulia as having been spotted previously in Turkey and Lebanon in recent years. She is estimated to be about 20 years old.

"I'm researching marine mammals for 20 years; this is the first time that I'm actually seeing such a thing, and I can hardly sleep at night because of that," he said.

— Associated Press



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Yulia, an endangered Mediterranean monk seal, rests on a beach in Tel Aviv last week. Experts say she is shedding her winter coat.

SCIENCE SCAN

PALEONTOLOGY

New suspect emerges in bizarre 1871 vandalism of dinosaur models, skeleton casts for museum

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

The curious case of Central Park's dinosaurs: The destruction of Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins' Paleozoic Museum revisited

Proceedings of the Geologists' Association

It could have been the toast of 1870s Central Park: a Frederick Law Olmsted-designed museum packed with sculptures of newly discovered dinosaurs.

But when thugs with sledgehammers destroyed dinosaur models designed for the planned Paleozoic Museum in 1871, the life-size statues and their molds — and plans for the city's first dinosaur museum — were pulverized.

For more than a century, historians believed William "Boss" Tweed, New York's most powerful political figure at the time, was to blame. But now researchers have revisited the crime — and point to a new suspect in what they call the "greatest act of vandalism in the history of dinosaur study."

In 1871, paleontology was in its infancy, and interest in the gigantic extinct creatures was fanned by new discoveries around the world. The Paleozoic Museum was to feature the work of Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, an English natural history artist who galvanized interest in dinosaurs in the United States with the display of the world's first mounted dinosaur skeleton in Philadelphia in 1868.

In preparation for the New York museum, Hawkins used fossil evidence to create full-sized models destined for elaborate dioramas. But the Tweed-controlled Central Park board canceled the museum in 1870. A few months later, vandals destroyed all of Hawkins's models, casts and studio.

Previous histories claimed Tweed, who controlled the vast Tammany Hall Democratic machine, ordered the destruction for reasons ranging from religious objections to a vendetta against Hawkins. Primary sources, however, point to Henry Hilton, a powerful attorney and public parks commissioner who personally ordered that the models be destroyed, researchers write.

In a study published in the Proceedings of the Geologists' Association, the researchers found Hilton not only was committed to a competing project, the American Museum of Natural History, but also "evidently had a strange relationship with art, heritage and artefacts [sic]." They uncovered other evidence of Hilton's museum meddling, including ordering that multiple historical and natural history artifacts be painted white and disputing the authority of museum officials.

> *"This might seem like a local act of thuggery, but correcting the record is hugely important."*
>
> **Michael Benton,** professor and co-author of the report

Why bother resurrecting a long-forgotten piece of museum history?

"This might seem like a local act of thuggery, but correcting the record is hugely important in our understanding of the history of paleontology. We show it wasn't blasphemy, or an act of petty vengeance by William Tweed," says Michael Benton, a professor in the University of Bristol's School of Earth Sciences and a co-author of the paper, in a news release.

The tussle to control the dinosaur models reveals past debates about how dinosaurs actually looked and lived, the researchers write — adding that the misrepresentation of the event in history books is worth correcting.

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BIG NUMBER

36,508

fatal falls

In 2020, the deaths of 36,508 U.S. residents 65 and older were related to falls, representing 86 percent of all fatal falls that year, according to research published in the journal JAMA. Based on death certificate data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the research found that fatal falls in this age group had increased from 10,097 in 1999, and at a rate that more than doubled in about two decades — from 29 deaths per 100,000 people to 69 deaths per 100,000 people. The research notes that falls have become the leading cause of injury for the age group. More than 1 in 4 people 65 or older fall each year, according to the CDC (although the agency says less than half tell their doctor). About 1 in 5 falls results in a serious injury, such as broken bones or a head injury, and 3 million older adults are treated in emergency rooms each year because of falls. The report did not delineate what caused the falls included in its data, but health experts generally point to such potential causes as failing eyesight or hearing, problems with balance and gait, medications that can spark dizziness or confusion, high or low blood pressure, and more. They say preventing falls starts with addressing such issues — getting vision checked and having a doctor review one's medications (including over-the-counter ones) to avoid medication-induced problems, for instance. But prevention also should include staying physically active, doing exercise that can improve balance and strength, and fall-proofing one's home by removing tripping hazards such as throw rugs, upgrading lighting and adding grab bars in the bathroom.

— Linda Searing

HEALTH NEWS

African nation vaccinating 9 million children against typhoid, other ills after a deadly storm

Malawi last week kicked off a mass vaccination drive for more than 9 million children against several life-threatening diseases, as it seeks to prevent a health crisis after deadly Cyclone Freddy.

The cyclone killed more than 1,000 people in the southern African country, Malawi President Lazarus Chakwera said in April.

It was one of the deadliest storms to hit Africa in recent memory, ripping through Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar in late February and March.

The one-week nationwide vaccination drive targeted children up to age 15 and delivered doses against typhoid fever, measles, rubella and polio, said partners including the World Health Organization, UNICEF and global vaccine alliance GAVI.

Children were also offered a vitamin A supplement, the agencies said in a joint statement, adding that after the campaign the typhoid vaccine would become routinely available in the country for babies at health centers.

The campaign had already been planned before the storm, but is especially critical in its aftermath since destruction and displacement can increase the risk of diseases, they said.

"Malawi has demonstrated remarkable resilience in the aftermath of a devastating cyclone," said Thabani Maphosa, managing director of country program delivery at GAVI, in a statement.

"Not only is it introducing a new vaccine, which is never an easy task, it becomes one of the first countries in the world to make the lifesaving typhoid conjugate vaccine routinely available to children," he added.

Typhoid fever, caused by a bacteria, is usually spread by ingesting contaminated food or water and can be fatal. Natural disasters and displacement increase the risk of typhoid outbreaks, said health officials, especially in a country such as Malawi that has endemic typhoid transmission.

"This is a significant step for Malawi," said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa.

— Reuters

HEALTH SCAN



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A member of a health brigade fumigates a street against dengue in a shantytown near Lima, Peru, on May 11.

VIROLOGY

Mosquito-borne dengue too high in Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories, CDC researchers say

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Opportunities for Improved Dengue Control in the US Territories

JAMA

Dengue, a virus transmitted by infected mosquitoes that causes illness in about 1 in 4 infected people, can lead to symptoms ranging from mild fever to shock or death. In an article this month in JAMA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researchers in Puerto Rico say the virus must be better controlled in U.S. territories.

Outbreaks have occurred in some states in the past, with the most recent in Florida, Hawaii and Texas. People visiting areas where dengue is common — including some Pacific islands and Central and South America — can also pick up the illness. But most cases in the United States are acquired in U.S. territories.

Between 2010 and 2020, the CDC logged nearly 31,000 dengue cases in U.S. territories. Over 96 percent of these occurred in Puerto Rico, followed by American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Approximately half were among people under age 20.

A dengue vaccine is available but not recommended for children who have not had a prior infection. Despite barriers that include screening and making sure children complete the entire three-dose course of the vaccine, the researchers write, vaccination in Puerto Rico alone could prevent 3,000 hospitalizations in 10 years, and dengue vaccinations in development could help a wider age range or people without a previous infection.

Another potential solution is on the horizon: modifying mosquitoes to prevent dengue transmission. The CDC has authorized the use of genetically modified mosquitoes in some Florida and Texas counties. Elsewhere in the world, researchers have released mosquitoes infected with the *Wolbachia* bacterium, which reduces transmission of dengue and similar viruses. The United States is also helping to fund a World Health Organization research project in French Polynesia that sterilizes dengue-transmitting mosquitoes with radiation so they cannot produce offspring.

Vaccines and mosquito modification could help reduce dengue. And, "there is new reason for hope" because of better surveillance systems and physician education that has already reduced dengue deaths, researchers write.

One day, combining techniques may reduce dengue even further. For now, dengue continues to put people in U.S. territories at risk.

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Controlling cholesterol as you age

BY HALLIE LEVINE

Sometimes it may seem as if half the population of the United States takes medication for high cholesterol levels. About 40 million Americans are taking statins such as atorvastatin (Lipitor and generic), lovastatin (Altoprev) and simvastatin (Zocor), which are by far the most commonly prescribed of all types of cholesterol drugs.

Statins can be quite effective. They can lower LDL ("bad") cholesterol by up to 25 to 55 percent, reduce the levels of blood fats called triglycerides and subdue inflammation — and they could prevent heart attacks and strokes.

But there may be some confusion about when to start on statins, especially among older adults. While we are more vulnerable to heart attacks and strokes with age, data showing that statins reduce such risks are "strongest for adults in their 70s and less clear as adults age beyond 80," says Daniel Forman, chair of the section of geriatric cardiology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Concerns about statin side effects also increase with age, he says.

Last year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force reaffirmed that not enough evidence exists to recommend — or not recommend — starting statin use in people 76 and older for the prevention of a first heart attack or stroke. "The USPSTF isn't saying you shouldn't do it, just that there's not enough research out there to say definitively that you should," says Robert Rosenson, director of cardiometabolic disorders at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.

The ideal cholesterol levels for you — and whether you rely on lifestyle measures alone or use medication as well to achieve them — should be personalized, says Ardeshir Hashmi, chief of the Center for Geriatric Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. "We don't just automatically make recommendations based on age anymore," he says. So it's wise to talk with your doctor about your overall health goals and preferences, as well as the scientific evidence. Here's the lowdown on cholesterol issues.

What are healthy levels for people in their 70s and 80s?

The numbers that doctors are typically looking for are the following.

Total cholesterol: less than 200 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL). Cholesterol between 200 and 239 mg/dL is considered borderline; 240 mg/dL or greater is high.

LDL ("bad") cholesterol: under 100 mg/dL. "If you already have heart disease, your doctors will want to get your LDL below 70," says Michael Nanna, an interventional cardiologist at the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn.

HDL ("good") cholesterol: at least 40 mg/dL, with 60 mg/dL or higher considered excellent.

Triglycerides (which are associated with an increased risk of heart disease): Less than 150 mg/dL is considered within the normal range, with 150 to 499 mg/dL considered mildly increased; 500 to 886 mg/dL, moderately increased; and greater than 886 mg/dL, very high.

Who should start taking medication?

If you are under 75 and have high LDL cholesterol or an elevated risk of heart attack and stroke (due to a combination of risk factors), groups including the American Heart Association recommend a statin to help reduce the likelihood of heart attack and stroke. This is advised whether or not you have heart disease.

The same is true if you're older than 75 and have been diagnosed with heart disease, Nanna says: "We do know that if you have established heart disease, the evidence is very clear that you do need to be on [statins], including individuals 75 and over." A study published in the Lancet in 2019, for example, found that statin therapy for people with existing heart disease reduced the risk of heart attack or stroke across all age groups.

What if I'm over 75 and don't have heart disease?

As with other age groups, a discussion with your doctor is warranted. "If you have other risk factors, such as Type 2 diabetes or an inflammatory condition like rheumatoid arthritis, you're in a higher risk category, and statins may be something you need to consider with your doctor," Rosenson says.



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About 40 million Americans take statins — such as atorvastatin — to lower their cholesterol levels.

Some research suggests that statin use in this age group may be beneficial, such as the study published in 2020 in JAMA of almost 327,000 veterans ages 75 and up. None had diagnosed heart disease at the beginning of the study. The veterans who began taking statins during an average of seven years that researchers followed them were 20 percent less likely to die of heart disease than those who didn't take statin drugs.

If you're on the fence, you might ask your doctor for testing that will reveal your cardiac calcium score, says George Fernaine, section chief of cardiology at NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn in New York. The higher the score, the more likely it is that you're developing plaque in the arteries of the heart, "which would be an indication for a stricter diet, exercise, or possibly the addition of medications."

What if the statin isn't enough?

Depending on your health and reaction to the medications, increasing the dosage may be reasonable. But note that side effects from statins could be more pronounced in older adults taking the highest dosages, Rosenson says. Anyone older than 65 should start with the lowest dosage possible, Hashmi says, in part because "their bodies are less able to metabolize drugs." Another option, whether a statin isn't working well enough or side effects are bothersome, is trying a different statin, Hashmi adds.

For those at very high risk for cardiovascular disease, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association say it's reasonable to add ezetimibe (Zetia), which reduces cholesterol absorption. If that doesn't work, your doctor may recommend an injectable medication to decrease LDL levels. These include alirocumab (Praluent), evolocumab (Repatha, Repatha SureClick) and inclisiran (Lequio). Another nonstatin option is bempedoic acid (Nexletol), which reduces the amount of cholesterol the liver produces.

Curbing statin side effects

About 10 to 15 percent of people have side effects such as muscle pain and weakness. Research suggests that this is often due to the "nocebo" effect: when negative effects occur because they're expected to as a result of negative beliefs, anticipation or experiences with the treatment.

Exercise may help: In one study, three roughly hour-long sessions a week significantly reduced statin side effects.

A review of 12 studies suggests that coenzyme Q10 supplements may also help. But these can interfere with certain meds, so check with your doctor, says Nieca Goldberg, clinical associate professor of medicine at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

If these strategies don't work, talk with your doctor about a possible change, such as taking the medication every other day or switching to another drug.

Lifestyle steps that work

Eat a heart-smart diet: A diet rich in whole grains, produce, seafood, beans and nuts is ideal, Hashmi says. Regular consumption of unsaturated fats (olive oil, avocados, nuts, seeds) and soluble fiber (oats, barley, psyllium) may lower LDL cholesterol by about 7 to 15 mg/dL. Limit full-fat dairy, red meat and fried food because their saturated fat can raise LDL, says Donald Lloyd-Jones, chair of preventive medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. High triglycerides? Watch refined carbs. "Foods like white rice, bread and pasta, as well as sweets, all raise triglycerides," Hashmi says.

Get physical activity: The AHA recommends at least 150 minutes a week of moderate intensity exercise (brisk walking, swimming, cycling) to reduce cholesterol. This is especially important if you're trying to raise your HDL level, because no medications do this safely, Lloyd-Jones says.

Make other healthy choices: Quit smoking, lose extra weight, and drink alcohol only in moderation.

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Heart disease disproportionately affects older Black and Hispanic communities

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"Whatever focus we've had before on managing [cardiovascular] disease risk in Black and Hispanic Americans, we need to redouble our efforts," said Clyde Yancy, chief of cardiology and vice dean for diversity and inclusion at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. He was not involved with the research.

Of course, medical advances, public health policies and other developments could alter the outlook for cardiovascular disease over the next several decades.

More than 80 percent of cardiovascular deaths occur among adults 65 or older. For about a dozen years, the total number of cardiovascular deaths in this age group has steadily ticked upward, as the ranks of older adults have expanded and previous progress in curbing fatalities from heart disease and strokes has been undermined by Americans' expanding waistlines, poor diets and physical inactivity.

Among people 65 and older, cardiovascular deaths plunged 22 percent between 1999 and 2010, according to data from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute — a testament to new medical and surgical therapies and treatments and a sharp decline in smoking, among other public health initiatives. Then between 2011 and 2019, deaths climbed 13 percent. In early May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the age-adjusted heart disease death rate climbed for the third year in a row.

The pandemic has also added to the death toll, with coronavirus infections causing serious complications such as blood clots and millions of seniors avoiding medical care out of fear of becoming infected. Most affected have been low-income individuals, and older non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic people, who have died of the virus at disproportionately higher rates than non-Hispanic White people.

"The pandemic laid bare ongoing health inequities," and that has fueled a new wave of research into disparities across various medical conditions and their causes, said Nakela Cook, a cardiologist and executive director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, an independent organization authorized by Congress.

One of the most detailed examinations yet, published in JAMA Cardiology in March, examined mortality rates in Hispanic, non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White populations from 1990 to 2019 in all 50 states and D.C. It showed that Black men remain at the highest risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, especially in Southern states along the Mississippi River and in the northern Midwest. (The age-adjusted mortality rate from cardiovascular disease for Black men in 2019 was 245 per 100,000, compared with 191 per 100,000 for White men and 135 per 100,000 for Hispanic men. Results for women within each demographic were lower.)

Racial, geographic differences stand out

Progress stemming deaths from cardiovascular disease in Black men slowed considerably between 2010 and 2019. Across the country, cardiovascular deaths for that group dropped 13 percent, far less than the 28 percent decline from 2000 to 2010 and 19 percent decline from 1990 to 2000. In the regions


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where Black men were most at risk, the picture was even worse: In Mississippi, for instance, deaths of Black men fell only 1 percent from 2010 to 2019, while in Michigan they dropped 4 percent. In D.C., they actually rose, by nearly 5 percent.

While individual lifestyles are partly responsible for the unequal burden of cardiovascular disease, the American Heart Association's 2017 scientific statement on the cardiovascular health of African Americans notes that "perceived racial discrimination" and related stress are associated with hypertension, obesity, persistent inflammation and other clinical processes that raise the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Although Black people are deeply affected, so are other racial and ethnic minorities who experience adversity in their day-to-day lives, several experts noted. But recent studies of cardiovascular deaths don't feature some of these groups, including Asian Americans and Native Americans.

What are the implications for the future? "We may need different solutions in different parts of the country," said Alain Bertoni, an internist and a professor of epidemiology and prevention at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, noting significant variations in cardiovascular health outcomes by geographic location.

Gregory Roth, a co-author of the JAMA Cardiology paper and an associate professor of cardiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine, called for a renewed effort to educate people in at-risk communities about "modifiable risk factors" — high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, smoking, inadequate physical activity, unhealthy diet and insufficient sleep. The American Heart Association has suggestions on its website for promoting cardiovascular health in each of these areas.

Michelle A. Albert, a cardiologist and the president of the American Heart Association, said more attention needs to be paid in medical education to "social determinants of health" — including income, education, housing, neighborhood environments and community characteristics — so the health-care workforce is better prepared to address unmet health needs in vulnerable populations.

Natalie Bello, a cardiologist and the director of hypertension research at the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said, "We really need to be going into vulnerable communities and reaching people where they're at to increase their knowledge of risk factors and how to reduce them." This could mean deploying community health workers more broadly or expanding innovative programs like ones that bring pharmacists into Black-owned barbershops to educate Black men about high blood pressure, she suggested.

"Now, more than ever, we have the medical therapies and technologies in place to treat cardiovascular conditions," said Rishi Wadhera, a cardiologist and section head of health policy and equity research at the Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

What's needed, he said, are more vigorous efforts to ensure that all older patients, including those from disadvantaged communities, are connected with primary care physicians and receive appropriate screening and treatment for cardiovascular risk factors, and high-quality, evidence-based care in the event of heart failure, a heart attack or a stroke.

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INSPIRED LIFE

I wanted to face my deepest fear, so I suited up and flew to the Arctic

BY ED KRESSY

Fear once dominated my life. As a person addicted to meth for 11 years, my poor choices led to extreme paranoia. Although I quit meth for good in 2007, I remained afraid to travel overseas, scared I would be kidnapped and held captive in a secret prison.

It might sound odd to say it out loud, but trust me, the meth did a number on me, and one of the lasting effects of my addiction was some lingering paranoia and fear.

I'd spent 15 years conquering fears — police and public speaking among them. I realized it was time to finally face my fear of international travel after I met Akshay Nanavati, a Marine veteran. We actually met in prison when we were both volunteers at a California maximum-security facility. Volunteering was one way I'd learned to transform my past into something meaningful.

As I got to know Akshay, he told me that he worked to overcome his PTSD because he had an ambitious goal: He wanted to become a world-class polar explorer, skiing to the South and North poles, and across Iceland and Greenland. For years I'd been drawn to the cold, too, even jumping into icy rivers nearly every day for the past three winters.

Ashkay understood mental toughness and vulnerability, so I made a decision to join him and a small group on a trip to the Norwegian archipelago Svalbard, 800 miles from the North Pole. We spent nine days and eight nights traveling expedition-style: skiing and camping across the snow and ice while each lugging about 100 pounds of gear with us.

Our guides predicted temperatures from 5 to minus-31 degrees. I later found out that in the weeks leading up to my trip, there were pounding winds and a full-on blizzard. A skier was rescued, and the rescuers themselves almost needed rescue.

I decided that heavy preparation would help ease my angst. In the months leading up to the trip, I immersed myself in hiking, running and sleeping outside in the New England winter where temperatures dropped into the teens and sometimes lower. Meditating to sharpen my mental focus, in addition to being practical, helped distract me from how scared I was.

I reminded myself of my guiding principle: *The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek.* These words I first heard from Joseph Campbell, combined with my spiritual beliefs, gave me comfort and courage as I boarded my plane in March for the Arctic.


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ERIC PHILIPS

TOP CLOCKWISE: The expedition team saw glaciers and reindeer. Ed Kressy — back row, second from left — with the group. Kressy all bundled up.

I arrived in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard, and Akshay met me at our hotel. We spent some time exploring. Longyearbyen's residents are small in number but very hospitable, offering us delicious meals of seafood chowder, elk burgers, even a reindeer pizza. We visited the North Pole Expedition Museum, and I went for a dip in the Arctic Ocean. Svalbard nights are relatively short in March; for long hours the sun shone on the spectacular surrounding mountains and sea.

One thing I learned while overcoming addiction is that it helps to have a supportive community. Take it from me, this is crucial, and the same applies to overcoming fears. At the warehouse where we assembled our expedition gear, I met our guides and teammates, and soon found such a community.

Eric Philips, our lead guide, had pioneered four new routes to the South Pole and guided numerous expeditions to the North Pole, as well as across Antarctica and Greenland.

At the warehouse, Eric and his daughter, Mardi, our other guide, instructed us on how to load the specially formulated polyethylene sleds we'd pull as we skied through the Arctic. We assembled our stoves and tents and ran through an equipment checklist: specially outfitted boots, parkas, sleeping bags, down clothing, gloves and mittens. When properly prepared, we can achieve seemingly impossible things, like spending nine days outside of civilization in the Arctic.

It was a good metaphor for overcoming fear.

For many centuries of human existence, fear helped us. We're afraid of being hunted by polar bears, so we maintain a respectful distance. But fear is like fire: It can keep us warm and heat our food, or it can burn our shelter down.

On the expedition's inaugural night, the Arctic taught me my first lesson of the trip.

After an afternoon of skiing, during which we visited a stunning frozen waterfall, we prepared our tents. The temperature fell to minus-35 degrees Celsius. As we settled in for the night and Akshay fired up our butane stove, I began losing feeling in my toes.

Was it frostbite? I'd done hundreds of cold-water plunges, experienced plenty of cold toes. But nothing like this.

My mind started to spiral: What if I was forced to leave the trip? Did my toes need amputation? Once fearful feelings start, stopping them can be like arresting an avalanche. Yet unlike my previous paranoia, I was able to overcome this fear by taking tangible steps to solve an immediate problem in the real world.

Before I'd left for my trip, my sister gave me chemical toe-warmers that I quickly applied. As heat seeped through my socks, Eric poked his head into our tent. He took a look at my toes and pronounced them "one-hundred percent." His friendly term for *no danger, now enjoy your rehydrated Indian Curry dinner, and off to your sleeping bag.* Problem solved, no panicking needed.

The following days of 10-toed skiing were beautiful experiences in a stunning part of the world, surrounded by an exceptional team of first-rate individuals.

We explored glacier faces, the ice forming spectacular patterns of swirling blue-green. We skied beside Arctic mountains bathed in pinkish-purple light from the low-hanging sun. Cold, clean air bit into our lungs as our skis chomped the snow. Reindeer scampered past, dog teams yapped with enthusiasm as they pulled sleds, a lone Arctic tern flew toward a mountaintop.

I was not taken prisoner in an international jail as I irrationally feared might happen.

At night in our tent, Akshay and I discussed this. Akshay had written a book on the subject of fear, "Fearvana." "Never stop chasing fear, or you will spend your whole life running from it" is one of his mantras. Thanks to his guidance and inspiration from our team, I came to some conclusions about fear.

Those came after Eric and Mardi led us up a long climb. It always seemed the hill would level off just past the next snow-covered boulder, but it never did. As we ascended, I thought about how conquering fear is like the climb: put one ski in front of the other, knowing that however long, it's doable with the right preparation and community.

With daily practices — exercise, meditation, strengthening family ties, to name just a few — it's possible to build and maintain a foundation of faith and strength to overcome fear, or almost anything, really.

As the climb progressed, I used a visualizing technique I learned from one of my meditation teachers, imagining being harnessed to a friendly polar bear (ha!) who pulled me uphill.

We completed the climb and set up a tent as shelter from the wind, got in and ate a lunch of ramen noodles brewed with hot water from our thermoses.

After the trip ended, I met Eric in a Longyearbyen cafe. I asked him about fear: What did he do when his clients were gripped with, for example, fear of the cold?

"You want to keep moving," he said. "The more you shut down, the less motivated you become." He explained that in extreme cold, the temptation is to stay still, try to conserve warmth. But you want to do the opposite: get active, generate warmth.

Keep moving forward. Another good metaphor for facing my demons.

Today, I'm looking forward to my next trip overseas. Am I scared? Sure. But I know the next one will be easier, and a wise man once told me this: It's better to chase what terrifies you than to run from it.

EATING LAB

When you can't burp, it's painful, embarrassing

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was officially named in the medical literature: retrograde cricopharyngeus dysfunction, or RCPD. Despite the name, many doctors still don't know much about it. Patients say they've spent months or years wrongly diagnosed with acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) or intestinal overgrowth, among other things.

It's unclear how widespread no-burp syndrome is, or why it happens, said Robert Bastian, director of the Bastian Voice Institute in Downers Grove, Ill., who is credited with coining the name RCPD.

The condition is caused by a malfunctioning cricopharyngeus muscle, which essentially acts as a gate between the esophagus and the throat. The muscle stays tightly closed but opens while swallowing to allow the passage of foods and liquids. It's also supposed to release the gas that comes back up.

But for people with RCPD, the muscle won't relax enough to allow them to burp, and the gas gets trapped in the esophagus and stomach. Because of the excess gas, patients with RCPD usually experience uncontrollable gurgling sounds in their throat that others can hear. The gas causes bloating, excessive flatulence and painful pressure in the chest and neck.

But it's the lack of burping that is the defining characteristic of an RCPD diagnosis.

"That is the cardinal symptom that has to be there," said Andrew Tritter, director of the Texas Voice Performance Institute in Houston. "That gas buildup can be very uncomfortable and painful."

Some patients on Reddit have discussed feeling so desperate they try to stick their fingers down their throats to release the burp. Doctors say the method is risky and can damage vocal cords or lead to choking.

"People don't realize how debilitating it can be," said Ace Thomas, a 31-year-old university worker in Huntsville, Tex. "I was in abject misery for most days. Bloating and dry heaving every day of your life is no fun."

The social challenges of not burping

Stifled burps aren't just painful. The condition can make social situations challenging. Some people with RCPD make sounds that interfere with daily life, such as gurgling or frog-like noises often described as "croaking."

"People struggle and suffer through high school and college, and it's a huge hit to social life because of the gurgling and the flatulence," Bastian said.

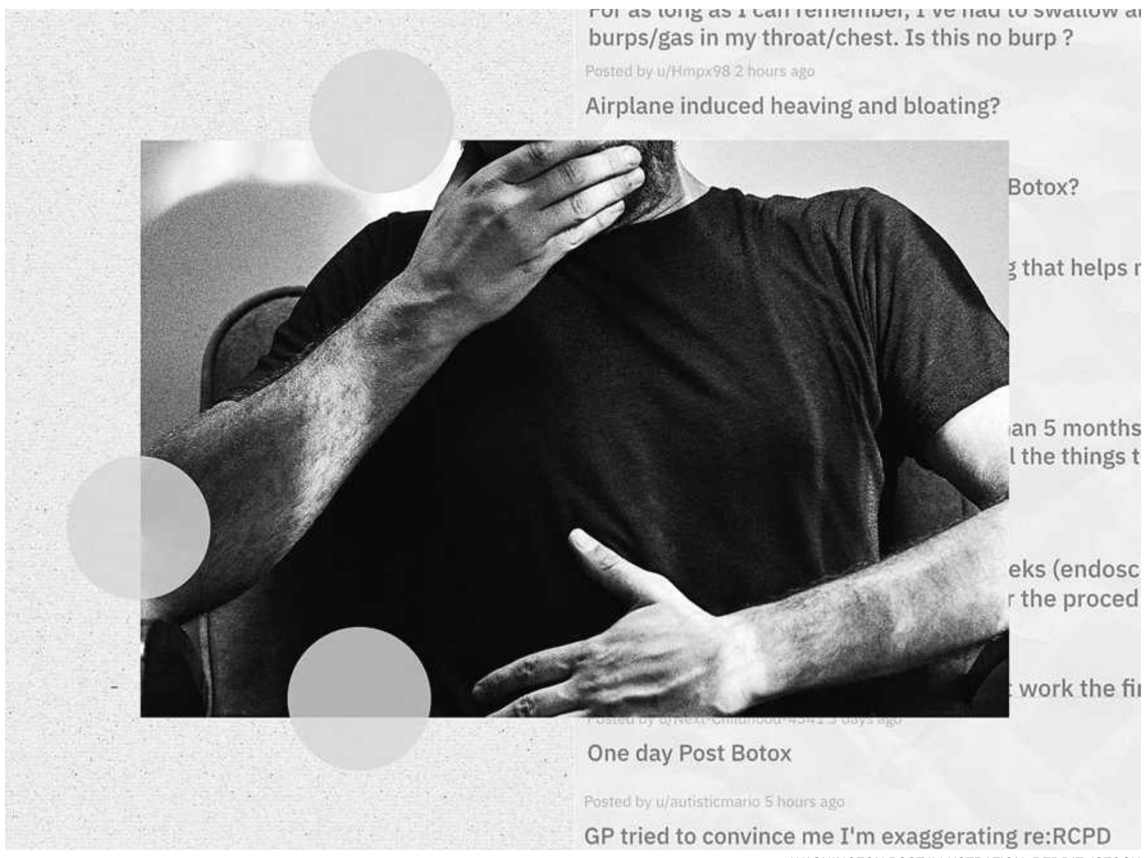
Sufferers said they must constantly focus on how to minimize the bloating and gurgling, by cutting out certain foods and beverages and avoiding social situations in which they might be embarrassed.

"You kind of feel like you walk on eggshells or change your life around it," Rhymer said.

When a failure to burp is your health problem, it's also hard to explain to others that it's a legitimate medical condition. When Thomas told his co-workers about his symptoms, they laughed at him, and some friends made jokes that he had "male morning sickness."

A popular wrinkle treatment can help

Some people have success teaching themselves to burp through Shaker exercises, which involve lying flat and tucking your chin to your chest. The most effective treatment for RCPD is botulinum toxin injection, or Botox. Botox is used to relax forehead muscles to smooth wrinkles, to prevent migraines and stop excessive sweating. In the case of RCPD, general anesthesia typically is required to inject the Botox into the cricopharyngeus muscle, temporarily paralyzing it and essentially allowing it to reset.



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Right after the procedure, patients may struggle to eat or swallow, and they may feel as if they have a lump in their throat.

But research shows the treatment is highly effective. In one study of 200 patients, 185 (93 percent) gained the ability to burp within a week of treatment. Fourteen others (7 percent) gained burping ability within four weeks. About 80 percent of patients were still able to burp after six months. The problem came back in a subset of patients who needed additional injections.

"It was a crazy release," said Rhymer, who underwent the procedure in March. Within the first week after treatment, she was able to burp and has been what she describes as a "burping machine." "I felt like it was an exorcism," she said. "It was very loud and big and not what I expected to come out."

Thomas expressed a similar feeling of satisfaction. "My whole life, I've had a lot of these issues and never knowing what it was, or doctors guessing IBS," he said. "As soon as I burped, it all melted. It was satisfying."





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Ace Thomas and Molly Rhymer both dealt with the problem.

The challenges of learning to burp

For people who have never or rarely experienced burping, living with it can also create issues.

Aleah Boehlen-Joosten, a 27-year-old in Kenosha, Wis., suffered from abdominal pain for several months before she discovered the subreddit on no-burp syndrome. That's how she learned about Bastian and the Botox treatment.

A few weeks after the procedure, she began vomiting during a yoga class. Vomiting can be a temporary side effect of the treatment. Some people with RCPD avoid the procedure because they have a fear of vomiting, known as emetophobia.

And for people not accustomed to burping, the belches can sometimes happen unexpectedly. "Every time I laughed, I would burp uncontrollably," she said.

After a few months, she learned to control her burps. She said despite finding relief in burping, she was repulsed to learn that burps can have flavor.

"It tastes horrible," she said. "No one warns you that it tastes like food. It was disgusting."

A 'no burpers' community

Rhymer, Thomas and Boehlen-Joosten all found out about RCPD through Reddit. The subreddit r/noburp has over 20,000 "no-burpers" and is an active community where users chronicle their frustrations, compare experiences and provide guidance. Even Tritter is on the page, to serve as a "voice of reason" to help calm fears and reassure patients about whether treatments are appropriate.

Being able to commiserate with people who understand RCPD is validating for sufferers.

"I felt for a long time it was a lack of technique, and I just didn't know how to burp," Boehlen-Joosten said. "But it's a diagnosable medical condition. It's something that causes discomfort and suffering in extreme cases, so that validation was helpful."

While social media is often the culprit in misinformation about medical conditions, the Reddit discussions have helped raise awareness about the condition, experts said.

"This has enabled so many people to get diagnosed and treated that wouldn't have before," said Sunil Verma, director of the Voice and Swallowing Center at the University of California at Irvine School of Medicine. "As a whole, that's a real positive."

Now the challenge is finding people who have been wrongly diagnosed and the doctors who are treating them, Verma said.

"We need to find a way to let our surrounding physician community know about it," he said. "Not just us that treat the majority of these patients."

Finding treatment has brought enormous relief, Rhymer said.

"The condition seems like a minor thing. I've had people tell me I was so lucky because burping is kind of gross," Rhymer said. But being able to burp, something "that many people in the world can naturally do, is life changing."

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Nine tips to help you negotiate a medical bill

BY LINDSEY BEVER

Many patients have been blindsided by unexpected and costly medical bills.

For those who have insurance, there may have been a mistake with pre-authorization. Patients may have been unaware that the anesthesiologist in the operating room was out-of-network with their health insurance plan. Or, in many cases, the health-care provider, hospital or insurance company may have made an error in processing a medical claim.

Each situation — and each medical bill — is different and requires its own approach to solve, said Susan Null, co-owner of Systemedic, a medical billing and patient advocacy organization.

Patient advocates and attorneys who specialize in medical debt offered these tips to save on medical costs.

1. Understand how medical codes work

Medical codes are diagnoses, procedures and treatments that have been assigned a number, turning them into a universal language for those in the health-care industry.

Some medical conditions, particularly those not universally recognized in the medical community, such as chronic Lyme disease, may not have an adequate code for billing, so treatments for them may get denied by insurance companies, said Barbara Abruzzo, a registered nurse and president of the patient advocacy organization Livingwell Care Navigation.

If the reason for the denial is that your insurance does not cover chronic Lyme, for example, ask your doctor about instead using a diagnostic code for other — more widely accepted — conditions related to your Lyme diagnosis, such as joint inflammation, which may be covered, she said.

2. Get pre-authorization for tests, procedures

Before a medical test or procedure — even when the testing center, doctor's office or hospital tells you that it has been authorized by your health insurance provider — verify it.

Rhonda Orin, an attorney focusing on insurance coverage issues, suggests asking for documentation of the approval — such as a letter or, if it was approved over the phone, a reference number for your records. If you want to take it a step further, you can contact your insurance company and use that reference number to double-check that it was indeed authorized, said Orin, author of "Making Them Pay: How to Get the Most From Health Insurance and Managed Care."

If your pre-authorization is denied, make sure the doctor who reviewed your case for the insurance company is a specialist in your condition.

For instance, when a patient with Stage 4 kidney disease tries to get approval for a transplant, the case should be reviewed by a nephrologist, a doctor who specializes in kidney issues — not an emergency room doctor, which happens, said Sarah Jane Yang, a registered nurse and medical financial advocate at GreyZone Health. "That is a very strong argument to ask for a second review," she said.

You can also ask for a peer-to-peer review, which means the doctor reviewing your case for the insurance company speaks with your treating physician to better understand your medical situation.

3. If it was covered in the past, push to get it covered again

A procedure or treatment covered by your insurance company in the past may not be covered now. "Government regulations could have changed. The hospital rate for those services could have changed," Orin said. But "you should use that as a fact in your favor," she said.

As long as your insurance policy, the diagnosis and procedure codes are exactly the same, in theory, you should be covered again.

"It might take some phone calls. It might take the insurance company escalating your claim to a case manager," Yang said. But if the insurance company paid in the past, "they have no rationale not to this time." she said.

4. Protect yourself from out-of-network costs

The No Surprises Act protects many insured patients from surprise medical bills for out-of-network physicians when circumstances are out of their control.

Patients who receive emergency care or seek certain non-emergency care at a hospital that is in-network but are seen by physicians at that hospital who are out-of-network should be responsible for only in-network rates. The law does not cover people with Medicare, Medicaid or VA health care, for instance, because these entities have their own protections, experts said.

It is not feasible to ask all doctors who enter your hospital room whether they accept your insurance, so Orin suggested proactively sending an email or letter to the hospital's billing department before a planned medical procedure. In it, state that you do not want any health-care provider who is out-of-network to be involved in your care.

It's not a guarantee, said Orin, but it could help your case to have documented your wishes in advance. You can say, "You shouldn't bill me, because I was unconscious on the table, and you did exactly what I said not to do,'" Orin said. "It gives you something to talk about."

5. Get an itemized bill

An itemized bill should list all procedure codes, which should tell you exactly which services you were charged for, or the description of those services. This is the same information your insurance company uses to determine what is covered under your policy.

Check that you received the services. If not, contact your health-care provider and have them explain any discrepancies, experts said.

Then get your explanation of benefits from your health insurance provider and compare it to the itemized bill. If they do not line up, experts said, ask everyone involved to explain how the numbers were determined.

Simple mistakes such an incorrect medical code or a missing medical record should be easily corrected. "This happens a lot," said Martine Brousse, a patient advocate who was a billing manager for medical providers before starting her own patient advocacy firm called AdvimedPro.

In general, when negotiating medical bills, experts said, the key is to make a connection with a person who has decision-making power, whether at your physician's office, hospital or health insurance company. "The systems are cold, but the individuals aren't," Yang said.

6. Loop in your health-care provider

If a medical bill problem is going to take time to sort out, Null suggested asking the billing department of your health-care provider to put the claim on hold, explaining that you are disputing the bill with your insurance provider and need time to do it. This will give you that time without the risk of being turned over to a collection agency.

"You want to show the provider that you are taking on the responsibility," she said. "But you want to make sure that the bill you pay is the appropriate bill to pay."

7. Consider an appeal

The burden is on the insurance company to explain the costs on your bill, Brousse said. "They have a fiduciary duty toward their members to not only pay the claims properly and at the highest rate possible, but to stand and justify how they process the claim," she said.

When you still believe there is an error, you can appeal the claim with the insurance company. Brousse cautioned, however, that there is often a limit on the number of appeals — sometimes only two to three — so do not waste an appeal when a simple phone call may get the claim reprocessed.

8. Enlist help from a patient advocate

Once you hit a roadblock or a dead-end, it may be time to contact a professional for help. Patient advocates, also called patient navigators, can be hired to help. Be sure to discuss fees, often based on hourly rates, in advance.

"If you have any kind of underlying suspicion that what the insurance has told you is not right, definitely contact a patient advocate, at least to give yourself peace of mind," Brousse said.

9. Take advantage of financial assistance

If there was no mistake with your bill, but you cannot afford to pay it, check into financial assistance. Under the Affordable Care Act, hospitals are required to have financial assistance policies. If you meet certain income requirements, you may qualify for financial assistance programs, often called "charity care." These programs may allow your bill to be canceled in whole or in part.

Every hospital can set its own income requirements — based on the current federal poverty levels — and these should be listed on its website. If not, contact the billing department to get that information, Brousse said.

For hospital bills, a financial counselor or social worker at the facility can help determine whether you may qualify for financial assistance and then help you apply for it.

If you are uninsured, ask for a self-pay or cash discount, Brousse said. If you are not eligible for charity care, set up a payment plan. Get the agreement and any terms related to it in writing to protect against interest surprises, late fees or penalties.

And don't put it on a credit card or take out a loan to pay for it before you seek assistance, said Berneta Haynes, a senior staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center. By paying it off, even on credit, "you're essentially giving up your ability to even obtain financial assistance," she said.

Don't take too much time to decide. Health-care providers can — and will — sell your debt to collections agencies after 90 days. It is, however, in their best interest to work with you since they sell that debt at a fraction of the cost, Yang said.



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Too much exercise can be bad for your heart. Don't ignore the warning signs.



Your Move

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Pay attention to sudden heart palpitations or shortness of breath, especially during exercise, one expert says. Ditto for unexplained declines in your performance.

Exercise is, without question, good for our hearts. But can we potentially get too much of a good thing?

A growing body of science, including a new report on the health of almost 1,000 longtime runners, cyclists, swimmers and triathletes, finds that years of heavy endurance training and competition may contribute to an increased chance of developing atrial fibrillation, especially in men.

Atrial fibrillation, or AFib as it's commonly called, is an irregular heart beat that can lead to blood clots and a higher risk of stroke.

This new science does not mean that any of us should panic and dial back our training, particularly if our exercise routines are relatively moderate. But it does hint that nobody is immune from cardiac concerns, no matter how fit we may feel.

Exercise changes hearts, usually for the better

A wealth of research shows that physically active people are substantially less likely to develop or die of heart problems than people who rarely exercise.

Exercise demands a lot of our hearts. As soon as we start running or otherwise exerting ourselves, our hearts double or triple the rate at which they pump blood to our laboring muscles.

Over time, this exertion strengthens our hearts, just as it does other muscles, remodeling the organ, including its atriums, which are the upper chambers of the heart. The atriums deliver blood to the lower chambers, the ventricles, which pump it onward. In general, these changes are desirable and welcome.

But for reasons that remain mysterious, years of repeated, strenuous workouts and races may exact a toll on the heart, according to some emerging research.

In a much-discussed 2019 study, for instance, scientists in Sweden gathered medical records for 208,654 Swedish finishers of the Vasaloppet, a draining series of cross-country ski races, with distances of up to 90 kilometers (56 miles), and compared them with those of 527,448 Swedish men and women who didn't enter the race.

Swedes tend to be active, but the hearts of some of those who completed a Vasaloppet showed strain, the researchers found. Overall, the skiers showed no greater risk of AFib than the other Swedes. But those male skiers who had entered the most races or finished with the fastest times, suggesting they'd trained the hardest, were more likely than anyone else, skiers or not, to develop AFib in the following years. (Female skiers had the lowest rates of AFib of any group in the study.)

The most risk comes with the most exercise

In essence, the study found that "highly trained athletes have a higher risk of atrial fibrillation" than people who exert themselves less, although the overall risk remains low, said Kasper Andersen, a physician and epidemiologist at Uppsala University in Sweden, who oversaw the skier study.

That idea was reinforced in the latest study of athletes and atrial fibrillation, published in April in the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine, which in 2021 solicited medical and training data from 942 male and female longtime endurance athletes. All had, at one point, competed at a local or national level and most still raced.

About 20 percent of these athletes, almost all of them middle-aged men, said they'd been diagnosed with AFib. Three percent of them had had a stroke.

As with the skiers, those athletes who'd trained the most, in terms of years competing and hours of working out per week, were at highest risk for AFib, particularly if they were men and, more surprising, swimmers (including triathletes).

"There was a higher rate of AFib" in the keenest athletes, "when compared to the general population," said Susil Pallikadavath, a clinical fellow in cardiology at the University of Leicester in England, who led the study. But it wasn't a random sample, and the incidence likely skewed high, he added, since athletes with AFib probably responded in disproportionate numbers. He's also unsure why swimming heightened risks in his study, although the sport's prone positioning may contribute. (There's no evidence covid-19 infections affected the results; most of the athletes with AFib were diagnosed well before the pandemic began.)

Pay attention to your heart

What does this research mean for those of us who often exercise or compete?

First, don't overreact, said Meagan Wasfy, a sports cardiologist at Mass General Brigham hospital in Boston, who has studied and treated AFib in athletes. Moderate exercise, meaning walking or jogging for a few hours a week, protects us against heart conditions of all kinds, including AFib but also coronary artery disease, meaning plaques in the arteries, the deadliest cardiovascular disease.

"By all means, keep exercising," she said.

But don't, on the other hand, underreact and ignore new symptoms just because you exercise. The risk of developing AFib can increase "three to fivefold over a lifetime" if you spend many, many hours every week training, she said.

So, pay attention to sudden heart palpitations or shortness of breath, she said, especially during exercise. Ditto for unexplained declines in your performance. If you wear a smartwatch with a heart rate monitor, note any spikes in your heart rate.

These precautions apply to women, as well as men, Pallikadavath said. To date, longtime female athletes have shown little extra risk of AFib, but there have been few of them to study. "We really need to explore the risk in female athletes," he said.

Still, he wants athletes to be reassured. "The benefits of exercise far, far outweigh the risks," he said. "This message cannot be stated enough."

Do you have a fitness question? Email YourMove@washpost.com and we may answer your question in a future column.

Weight-loss drug reverses obesity for nearly half of teens in 16-month trial

BY LEO SANDS



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Just under half of obese adolescents administered the latest in a new generation of recently approved weight-loss drugs were no longer considered to be clinically obese by the end of a 16-month trial, a study found.

The findings support a small but growing body of evidence that the drug semaglutide, which goes by the brand names of Ozempic and Wegovy, can be an effective treatment option for chronic weight management for a range of ages.

Obesity rates for children and adolescents are now alarmingly high in many countries, with such significant implications for young lives that the World Health Organization considers childhood obesity "one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century."

The authors of the new peer-reviewed study, published May 17 in the journal Obesity, found that semaglutide was "highly effective" in reducing body mass index among teens.

The weights of 134 clinically obese adolescents were monitored for 68 weeks, with participants given a 2.4 milligram injection of semaglutide weekly. By the end of the study, 45 percent of the group recorded a drop in BMI to below the clinical threshold for obesity.

Just 12 percent of participants in a separate group who received a placebo were no longer considered to be obese at the end of the trial. Both groups also got lifestyle counseling and had a daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate- to high-intensity physical activity.

The finding showed the drug is an effective treatment, said Aaron Kelly, an expert in pediatric obesity at the University of Minnesota Medical School who co-wrote the study and presented his findings last Thursday at the European Congress on Obesity.

"It makes it easier for them to engage in intuitive eating, to be fuller faster and not be hungry all the time," Kelly said in an interview. "If you were assigned semaglutide — versus the placebo — you had a 23-fold higher odds of dropping down below the clinical cutoff for obesity."

The study adds to existing research that a weekly self-administered injection of Wegovy or Ozempic, which are manufactured by Danish pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk, can be effective in reducing body weight — more so than older generations of diet pills — and lowering some of the health risks associated with obesity.

The Food and Drug Administration first approved Ozempic to treat Type 2 diabetes. The agency approved Wegovy's use as a treatment for chronic weight management in adults in 2021 and in teens late last year.

That action sparked a dramatic increase in demand for the drug, fueled in part by celebrities touting its benefits across social media and leading to shortages at certain doses, according to the FDA. Semaglutide's high cost has also been a hurdle for many patients, particularly those who are minors. Fewer than half of commercial health insurance plans in the United States provide coverage — and often limit that to adults.

The latest report was based on data from a trial at the center of a study published in December in the New England Journal of Medicine. But researchers used the results to focus on the drug's effect on obesity classifications rather than simple BMI outcomes.

"It's a different way to describe the outcomes in more clinically relevant way," said Kelly, who also co-wrote the December paper.

Semaglutide works by mimicking the naturally occurring hormone GLP-1, or glucagon-like peptide 1, to target receptors in the brain, reduce a patient's appetite and slow the passage of meals through the gut.

It helps to "normalize the body systems related to eating and energy regulation. It essentially takes the edge off," Kelly said.

Doctors are touting the drug as the latest in a new generation of weight-loss medication that could help patients struggling with chronic weight management. According to the most recent data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 22 percent of Americans ages 12 to 19 are obese. Among adults, the rate rises to 42 percent. Being overweight or obese increases the lifelong risk of many health conditions and diseases, including Type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, stroke and heart disease.

The use of BMI — which is based on a person's weight and height — has been criticized by some obesity experts and dietitians as being overused as a metric. They say it doesn't take it into account racial or ethnic differences in body type, among other factors.

Despite semaglutide's effectiveness in the trial, Kelly cautions that it should not be considered a quick fix to obesity. Many doctors expect patients will have to take the drug indefinitely to continue benefiting from its treatment, although clinical trials have not yet proved this.

Obesity is a chronic disease, Kelly noted, and treatment must be sustained. "Especially if you developed obesity in childhood, you have a very high likelihood of struggling with it your entire life," Kelly said. "If you engage in any sort of treatment for obesity, it is going to be for the long-term."

Ariana Eunjung Cha contributed to this report.



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Maya ruins might rival Egypt's pyramids, researcher says

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"We now know that the Preclassic period was one of extraordinary complexity and architectural sophistication, with some of the largest buildings in world history being constructed during this time," says Hansen, president of the Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies, a nonprofit scientific research institution that focuses on ancient Maya history.

These findings in the El Mirador jungle region are a "game changer" in thinking about the history of the Americas, Hansen said. The lidar findings have unveiled "a whole volume of human history that we've never known" because of the scarcity of artifacts from that period, which were probably buried by later construction by the Maya and then covered by jungle.

Lidar, which stands for light detection and ranging, works via an aerial transmitter that bounces millions of infrared laser pulses off the ground, essentially sketching 3D images of structures hidden by the jungle. It has become a vital tool for archaeologists who previously relied on hand-drawings of where they estimated areas of note might be and, by the late 1980s, the first 3D maps.

When scientists digitally removed ceiba and sapodilla trees that cloak the area, the lidar images revealed ancient dams, reservoirs, pyramids and ball courts. El Mirador has long been considered the "cradle of the Maya civilization," but the proof of a complex society already being in place circa 1,000 B.C. suggests "a whole volume of human history that we've never known before," the study says.

Rick Chacon, professor of anthropology at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., says the research "sheds light on how the ancient Maya significantly modified their local environment, and it enhances our understanding of how social complexity arose." Chacon was not involved in the research.

Enrique Hernández, an archaeologist at San Carlos University in Guatemala City and a co-author of the paper, has spent several months every year for the past two decades excavating in El Mirador.

He says that once the area is fully revealed, it could be potentially as significant a marker in human history as the pyramids in Egypt, the oldest of which dates circa 2,700 B.C. (The Great Pyramid of Cholula in Mexico, which is more than 2,000 years old, is the largest in the world by volume. It is shorter but wider than Egypt's Great Pyramid of Giza.)



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It's hard to imagine such a huge archaeological draw right now: El Mirador's remoteness in Petén, along the Mexico-Guatemala border, is visited each year by only a few thousand tourists who must either hike nearly 40 miles through jaguar, puma and snake-filled rainforests or fly in by helicopter. (The Egyptian pyramids, by comparison, are visited by over 14 million people annually, with luxury hotels nearby.) But such is the magnitude of this find that Hernández says he thinks it could happen.

At Hernández's archaeology lab, Idaho potato boxes stuffed full of ancient artifacts line the walls; 2,000-year-old masks rescued from El Mirador sit on the desks — the stone puma decals and shards on them having been painstakingly reattached in a poky upstairs room.

Before the lidar study, archaeologists, biologists and historians had identified about 50 sites of importance in a decade. "Now there are more than 900 [settlements]. … We [couldn't] see that before. It was impossible." Hernández says.

Among the multistory temples, buildings and roads, images of Balamnal, one of the Preclassic civilization's crucial hubs, were revealed for the first time. It dates back to 1,000 or possibly 2,000 years before the most famous, and well-excavated, Maya site of Chichen Itza in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, which was constructed in the early A.D. 400s.

Excavations around Balamnal in 2009 "failed to recognize the incredible sophistication and size of the city, all of which was immediately evident with lidar technology," Hansen says. Lidar showed the site to be among the largest in El Mirador, with causeways "radiating to other smaller sites suggest[ing] its administrative, economic and political importance in the Preclassic periods."





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ABOVE: Enrique Hernández, an archaeologist, looks at a flint tool found at the La Danta pyramid. He says that once the area is fully revealed, it could be potentially as significant a marker in human history as the pyramids in Egypt, the oldest of which dates circa 2,700 B.C. LEFT: A stucco modeled mask dated to the Late Classic period. (A.D. 650-800). FAR LEFT: People work alongside a ruin. Since 2015, researchers have mapped the ancient Maya site with lidar technology, an advanced type of radar that reveals things hidden by dense vegetation and the tree canopy.

The lidar images raise questions about how "one society living in a tropical jungle in Central America became one of the greatest ancient civilizations in the world [while] another society living in Borneo is still hunting and gathering in the exact same environment," Hansen says.

Beyond how lidar mapping might reshape future finds both in this area and further afield, there is one thing on the minds of all involved: ensuring that the site is properly preserved.

About 40 miles south of Petén is Tikal, ruins of the largest city of the Maya civilization's later "Classic" period (A.D. 200 to 900). Now a national park, Tikal was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979. It could serve as a possible blueprint for El Mirador.

Hundreds of thousands of people head to the national park each year (some of whom may be on the fan trail for "Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope," which had scenes filmed there in 1977); 15 percent of its temples have been excavated, with visitors free to clamber up their steep limestone steps.

"It could be something great," Hernández says of El Mirador's potential transformation into a significant tourist site. "But only if the government, archaeological organizations and locals work together. Then a decision can be taken as to whether it should become a national monument, an area of returned, modern-day Mayans and other Indigenous Guatemalans (who make up about 40 percent of the population in the country) or a tourist hub.

"I don't want my kids to say, 'oh, I remember the Mirador, it was a nice place, jaguars were living there' — like a legend," Hernández says. "We can save it now. This is the right moment to do it."

Meanwhile, researchers say they will continue making their biannual trips to the jungle. And now they have more data to work with than ever before.

The 417 cities identified via lidar are among the first ports of call.

"We have our work cut out for us," Hansen says. "It's a big task, it's expensive, but very, very worth it."

Author Q&A: Sports research has long neglected women, but that's changing

BY AMANDA LOUDIN

When Christine Yu set out for a run on her neighborhood track in 2012, the last thing she expected was an injury. But when she heard and felt a pop in her knee, she knew she was in trouble. Fifteen years earlier, Yu had torn the ACL in that same knee, and she recognized the pain and symptoms.

Yu also recognized a familiar set of emotions: shame and embarrassment that her body had yet again "failed" her.

As a journalist who covers women's sports and health, Yu noticed that, like her, female athletes often blamed themselves for injuries and shortcomings in performance. The cause, she began to surmise, was a gap in the field of sports science surrounding female athletes.

Before the enactment in 1972 of Title IX, the law banning sex discrimination in sports and other federally supported education programs, only 1 in 27 girls in the United States played organized sports. By 2016, that number had increased to 2 in 5, according to the Women's Sports Foundation.

Title IX not only increased participation among women athletes but also pushed the envelope on scientific research funding. Fifty years in, however, gaps still remain.

It wasn't until 1986 that the National Institutes of Health established a policy encouraging researchers to include women in clinical research, and it took until 1993 for enactment of a law requiring inclusion of women in such research.

Yu set out to learn more, and the result is her book "Up to Speed: The Groundbreaking Science of Women Athletes," which was released last week. Yu sat down for an interview with The Washington Post about her findings.

Q: *Your book is releasing at a moment full of other noteworthy memoirs and nonfiction books by and for female athletes. Your work joins "Running While Black," by Alison Mariella Désir, and "Good for a Girl," by Lauren Fleshman. Why do you think now is the moment for that?*



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"The next generations of girls are speaking up and demanding change," Christine Yu says.

A: The momentum has been building for years. There are so many more people watching women athletes do amazing things. At the same time, girls and women are active consumers of fitness and all of what that entails. Women are staying active longer, and they want to see their stories reflected in media. While many of the other recent books are memoirs, mine provides a macro-view into women's sports.

Q: *Your book begins by laying out the history of how sex and gender bias came to sustain the system of scientific research and sports, and how that has played out in participation, performance, injury and long-term health. What did you learn from this historical overview?*

A: One of the things that really made me pause was that everything came back to the Harvard Fatigue Lab in the 1920s, considered the birthplace of sports science. After that lab closed in the 1940s, its staff and students scattered and formed 17 new labs across the country. They were all males, and their research focused on male athletes. The parameters, people and environments that we inherited have created a systemic issue. It's easy to say "scientists don't care," and to fault them for these biases, but the systems in which they work influence how they act and the decisions they make.



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Q: *You dedicate an entire chapter to "bounce control," the role of women's breasts and sports bras in athletic performance. Why is that?*

A: If the majority of athletes and researchers are men who don't have breasts, they don't think about how breasts can affect you when you're active and moving. They also may not consider it a valid line of study.

In our culture, breasts are sexualized on the one hand and associated with reproduction on the other. But breast motion and sports bras — which were not even invented until the mid-1970s — impact how women experience physical activity. The body compensates when movement gets to be too much.

> *"With the growing number of people recognizing and calling for more research into women and sports, I do feel optimistic."*
>
> **Author Christine Yu**

Traditional biomechanics research didn't have a method for measuring the movement of breast tissue, and it wasn't until the late 2000s that it was taken seriously. Better sports bras are changing the relationship between women and sport. Today, that's extending into women-specific gear, too, which until recently, wasn't a market gearmakers targeted: It was "shrink it and pink it." ["Shrink it and pink it" is slang for simply making men's gear smaller and in pretty colors, rather than making women-specific gear.]

Q: *Let's talk about the pre- and postmenopausal years. Sports science has traditionally left these stages of life out of the equation. Why is that, and how is that changing?*

A: In our culture, these years have traditionally been positioned as the last stages of life. But if the average age of menopause is 51, you'd hope there's a good deal of life left to live. Research into this stage of life has largely been health oriented, looking at cardiovascular disease and cancer risk. But women are staying active much longer now and don't want to give that up.

We now have women doctors and researchers who grew up in the wake of Title IX, and they are taking the reins and can now begin to study this age group. Acknowledging it's important is a good first step, but it's going to take time to have more concrete and useful data.

Q: *You begin your book telling the story of your second ACL tear. Recently, you tore your other ACL while skiing in Lake Tahoe. What was different about this time versus your experience back in 2012?*

A: When I landed funny, I knew I had messed something up. My brother was with me and we were trying to figure out what was going on.

What surprised me was how calm I was this time versus the other two. In the first instances, I was so angry at myself and felt like there was something wrong with me and my body.

To sit there in the snow this time and realize my injury was just sheer bad luck was a revelation for me.

Because of my reporting, I knew I didn't do anything wrong and that it's not my body's fault I was hurt. Being able to remove that onus has been really helpful as I work to rehab my injury this time.

Q: *Does your own experience, coupled with your research, leave you feeling hopeful for the future of women and sports science?*

A: With the growing number of people recognizing and calling for more research into women and sports, I do feel optimistic. I'm not saying we're going to have an entirely new set of guidelines for women, but more the recognition that we need more diverse and inclusive research, writ large. Without that, we don't know what to ask.

The next generations of girls are speaking up and demanding change from their schools, coaches and the system they inhabit. Seeing them go out on a limb, and accomplishing amazing things in sport, is incredibly inspiring.


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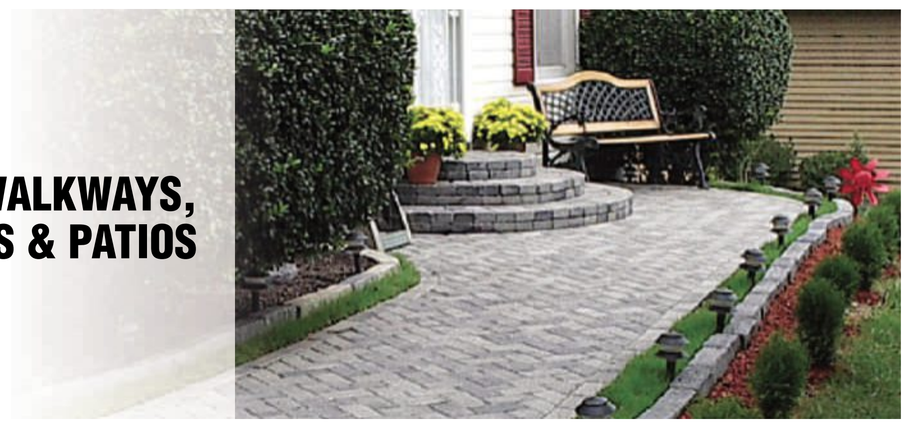
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